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Experience shows landfill process long

BY ED LEPOMA

It took five years once the land was found before the Golden Triangle Regional Landfill opened to serve several cities and counties in northeast Mississippi.

The Gulf Coast chapter of the Sierra Club recently presented the Hancock County Board of Supervisors a chronological order of the events that occurred from the landfill's inception to its present-day operation, and the T's that had to be dotted and the F's that had to be crossed present a textbook study of the complex and time-consuming negotiations involved.

The information was presented supervisors shortly before they agreed to advertise for proposals asking anyone in the Stennis buffer zone owning 500 acres or more and one mile deep into the buffer to come forward and present proposals. Those proposals are scheduled to be opened at a Solid Waste Authority meeting on June 10.

Hancock hasn't decided whether it would purchase the land and construct and operate

the landfill, but the Golden Triangle Landfill that takes up 667 acres in Clay and Oktibbeha Counties was constructed with bond funds and is operated by a Solid Waste Authority.

It was in July of 1991 that the Golden Triangle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority was formed. Members consisted of the cities of Columbus, Louisville, Starkville (home of Mississippi State University), West Point, Eupora, Macon and Ackerman, as well as the counties of Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha and Webster.

Authority representatives were appointed to terms staggered from one to four years, much like the Authority formed recently by Hancock County. But, their representation on the Authority is in proportion to the actual solid waste each contributes to the landfill. There is a 38-member Authority, with the largest city, Columbus, (the seat of Lowndes County), having the most members, 10, and other

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Marina underway

After years of delay, Hancock County supervisors and others broke ground Thursday to mark the start of the county's long-delayed public marina. Estimates are the first phase of the marina, which will be located on a 6.8 tract at the foot of Pleasure Street in Bayou Caddy, should be completed in four to five months. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

County breaks ground for long-awaited marina

BY ED LEPOMA

Blowing top soil and swarming horse flies didn't dampen spirits Thursday when county officials gathered at the foot of Pleasure Street to break ground for Hancock County's long-awaited public marina.

The 6.8-acre tract off Lakeshore Road has been grubbed and cleared, but the recent drought left the soil dry, and created perfect conditions for the hundreds of yellow horseflies that forced some participants to take cover in their vehicles until the shovels for the groundbreaking ceremony arrived. The pecky flies showed no pretenses, attacking everyone on site, although Board of Supervisors President Phillip Brown said he was particularly annoyed because he

was wearing a hat.

The officials were

joined by a large group of

people, including many

from the local community.

The ceremony was held

at the foot of Pleasure

Street, where the new

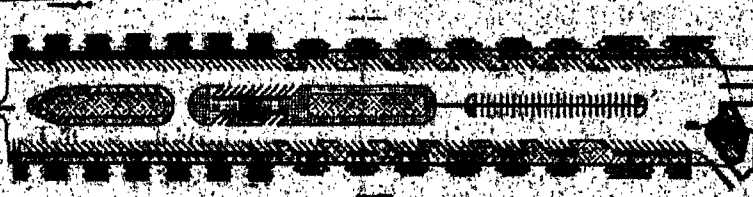
marina will be built.

The project is expected

to be completed within

the next few months.

BAYOU CADDY MARINA PROJECT HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI



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\$260,000 while a previous Board of Supervisors went out of office, and it ultimately fell to an all-new Board to decide whether to go ahead with the project.

The new Board put the project

out to bid twice, and both

times the bids came in over the

money available for the mar-

ina. Last April, supervisors and

the new Board decided to

proceed on design changes

and construction.

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SJH grad recalls days at St. Joseph

BY BETSY GAGNET

Maggie Heitzmann Damborino sat on her front porch swing, watching cars pass and remembering the days at St. Joseph's Elementary School parking lot to pick up students.

She recalled the days when the school was not yet built and houses lined the streets now occupied by school and church buildings.

"There was a candy store (near the beach) and then house after house after house," Damborino said. "I knew them all, all the way down."

Before Bay Catholic and Our Lady Academy, there was St. Joseph's Academy, a school Damborino, 92, remembers well.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of her graduation from "the Academy" which was staffed by Sisters of St. Joseph of Bour.

"I was 17 when I graduated," she said. "We had six regular students and two commercial."

In those days students taking only such courses as typing and shorthand were considered commercial students, while the



Damborino

regular students took all the typical high school classes.

Today, Damborino will join alumni of St. Joseph Academy and Our Lady Academy for a special Mass and reception. The class of 1923 graduation ceremony was held Saturday with honored guests from the class of 1948.

According to school officials,

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Summer reading program begins

Registration for the Hancock County Library System's 1998 Summer Reading Program will begin Monday, June 1, according to David Woodburn, library system public service coordinator.

"Wild About Hancock County" is the theme for this year's program, which is open to children and young adults, preschool age through eighth grade. Programs and activities begin Tuesday, June 9.

The first 200 children to register at the Bay St. Louis Hancock County Library and the first 40 to register at the Waveland Library Literacy Center and the Elin Library will receive a special award.

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Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Waveland Library Literacy Center.

Each participant will receive a reading record, book bag and pencil with which to record books read, and those who complete the program will receive a certificate. The certificate may be presented at the entrance to the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center for their admittance, according to

Debra Grant, executive director of the center.

Awards will be presented the week of July 6. A library card will be checked out all

books may be checked out at all branches of the

library system. Children should visit at least one library branch near

home. Books will be checked out at

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OBITUARIES

MELVIN J. BELLE
MILDRED C. KENT

MELVIN J. BELLE

Melvin Joseph Belle, 80, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, May 20, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Belle was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a member of Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis and a member of the One Hundred Men's Benevolent Association. He was an Army veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict where he received the National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster; the Good Conduct Medal (4th award); the Army Commendation Medal; the World War II Victory Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; and the Army Occupation Medal (Germany). He was employed with the Naval Construction Battalion Center and was a security officer for Gulf Coast Security where he retired in 1996.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lucy Price Bell and John Edward Bell Sr. and nine brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Paula Belle; a son, Lance Belle; three daughters, Tracy Joseph, Kristi Belle and April Belle, all of Bay St. Louis; and eight grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial followed in Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

MILDRED C. KENT

Mildred C. Phelps Kent, 85, died May 29, 1998, in Long Beach.

Mrs. Kent was born to Eugene C. and Marie Phelps in New Orleans, La., on August 31, 1912, and has been a resident of the Coast since 1945.

Mrs. Kent was active in the Hew Hope Cerebral Palsy School in Gulfport during the 1950s and 1960s, and was also a volunteer at Miramar Nursing Home for eighteen years. She was associated with Burton Memorial United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence J. Kent, Sr., and a son, Clarence J. Buhler, Jr.

Survivors include one son, Lawrence J. Kent, II, of Long Beach; three daughters, Barbara B. Buhler of New Orleans, Mrs. James (Betty) White of Long Beach, and Mrs. Rex (Laine Jo) Cooksey of Carriere; two granddaughters, Ricki Yarbrough Wade of Long Beach and Robyn M. Cobb of Waveland; two great-granddaughters, Laura J. Wade and Kellie C. Wade, both of Long Beach; one brother, Eugene C. Phelps, Jr., of Oak Harbor, Wa.; two sisters, Oanita Jones of Gallatin, Tenn., and Hazel DeMarigny of Kenner, La.

Services will be held Sunday, May 31, at 1 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home, downtown Gulfport. Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Burial will be in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Gulfport.



STAR teacher & student

STAR Teacher Betty Bensabat and STAR Student Anna Greene

Greene named OLA STAR Student

Anna Greene, senior at Our Lady Academy, has been named STAR (Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition) Student for the 1997-98 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council, sponsor of the program.

STAR students are selected from accredited high schools on the basis of academic excellence. Both American College Test scores and scholastic averages are considered in the selections.

An Alpha Honor Roll student for all four years at OLA, Greene has been named valedictorian of the Class of 1998. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society. She was selected Pepsi Student of the Month for three years.

Active in Campus Ministry, she is a class representative on the Campus Ministry Council and a member of the OLA Student Ministry/Senior Retreat Team. During high school, she has participated in Special Olympics and the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force Walk for Life.

Greene is the daughter of Elaine Wilkinson of Pass Christian and David Greene of Fort Collins, Colo. and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church.

The STAR Student is asked to select a STAR Teacher from among classroom teachers who has made contributions to the student's success. Greene chose Betty Bensabat, her freshman and junior English teacher. Bensabat was selected STAR Teacher three other times in 1990, 1993 and 1997.

Bensabat received a BA degree in English at Tulane University and has done graduate work at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. and the University of Southern Mississippi at Gulf Park.

Bensabat has been teaching freshman and junior English and a number of English electives at OLA since 1987. She has also sponsored the OLA yearbook and Literary Magazine during this time. Previous to OLA, Bensabat taught at St. Clare Elementary School in Waveland.

IMS helps U.S. students test 'Ocean I.Q.'

Marine educator Martha A. Sager, coordinator of educational programs at the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium, and Gulf Coast Research Laboratory graduate student Niki Garber of Ocean Springs assisted with the finals of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl for high school students April 25-27 in Washington, D.C.

GCRL, MECA and Stennis Space Center are Coast campuses of the University of Southern Mississippi's Institute of Marine Sciences.

Sager coordinated the Gulf region's "Hurricane Bowl" with 15 high school teams competing in the rapid-fire question-and-answer event at the J. L. Scott Center in February.

Garber assisted with registration during the Washington competition and with public information activities during the awards luncheon at the Kirkens Senate Office Building.

Teams who won regional honors from around the nation competed for an all-expense-paid learning trip to Lisbon, Portugal, during EXPO 98.

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl is conducted by the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education in partnership with the National Marine Educators Association and with technical assistance from the Department of Energy.



Kacey L. Edwards

College in the fall and major in dental hygiene.

As Miss Hancock County Chamber, Edwards will assist the Chamber throughout the year with grand openings, various promotions, parades and many other activities in the community.

Bay Middle program discussed

Bay Middle School will have a meeting Monday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. concerning a 'looping' program for interested 4th grade students and their parents.

For more information contact Bay Middle School at 467-4052.

Miss Chamber named

Kacey Leigh Edwards, daughter of Daniel and Janine Edwards of Bay St. Louis, will present Hancock County in the upcoming Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo Beauty Pageant at 8 p.m. June 27 at the Broadwater Beach Hotel in Biloxi.

Edwards is a 1998 graduate of Bay High School, where she was selected for the BHS Hall of Fame, was a member of the National Honor Society, Natural Helpers, Physica Club, Yearbook staff, American Legion Junior Auxiliary and was a varsity cheerleader.

She received the American Legion Post 139 Award, the U.S. National Math Award, is a national scholar and was selected for Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She enjoys drama and exercise and has 12 years of dance experience.

Edwards want to get involved in the community—the same community that has nurtured her to an adult—and one that she wants to nurture and help to expand in return.

Her immediate plans are to attend Pearl River Community



Business Award

Pearl River Community College held its annual Awards Day ceremony April 23 in Moody Hall Auditorium. William A. Jackson of Waveland was presented the Business Award. He also received the Academic Citizenship Award.

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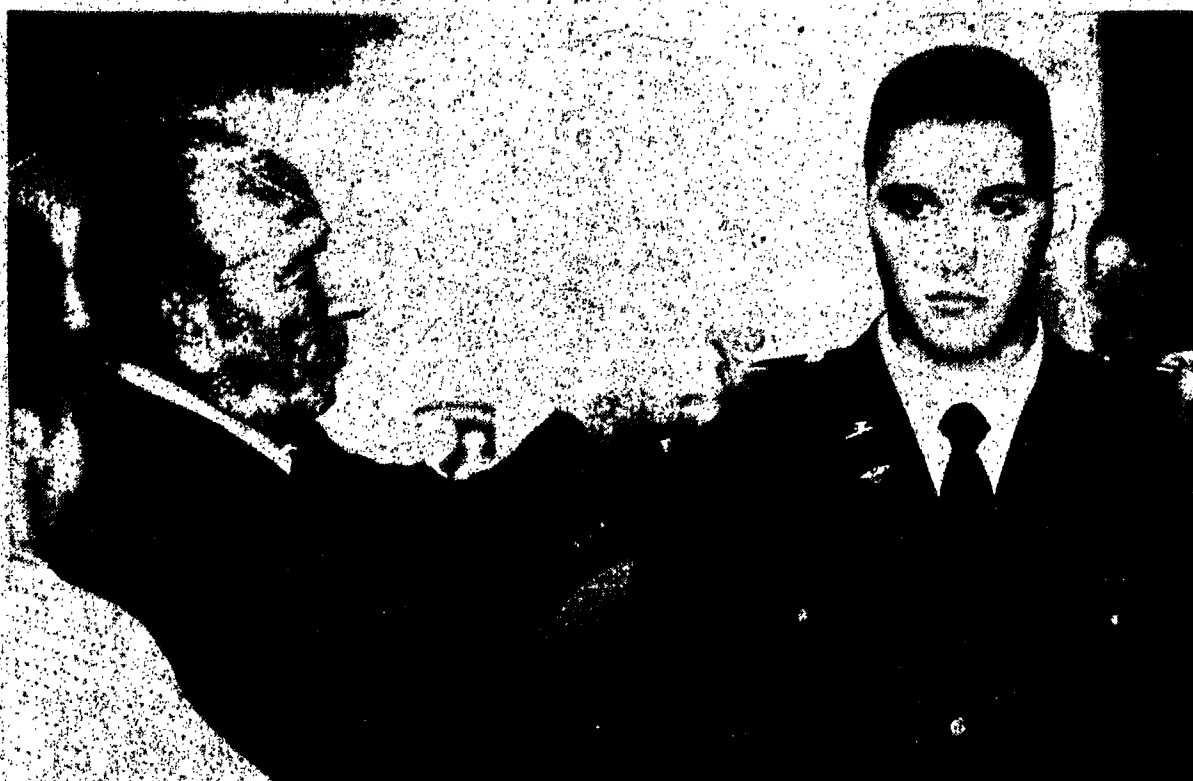
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New officer

John Bezou, Jr., of Bay St. Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bezou, Sr., gets his 2nd-lieutenant bars pinned on by his grandfather and grandmother, U.S. Army Capt. (Ret.) and Mrs. Paul Seckos during a May 15 Army ROTC commissioning ceremony at the University of Southern Mississippi. The new officer graduated from USM the same day with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Bezou, 22, has been assigned to Fort Lewis, WA, and will now go through the Army's officer basic course in San Antonio, TX.

Hawkins named Echo news editor

Betty Ruth Hawkins has been named news editor of the Sea Coast Echo, in an announcement made by Ellis C. Cuevas, editor and publisher, and Bay St. Louis Newspapers, Inc., executive vice-president.

Hawkins, a Waveland resident, had previously worked several months at The Echo part time in the graphics arts department.

Hawkins, formerly the director of Information Services for the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning in Jackson, relocated to the Gulf Coast in March of 1997. Until re-joining the Echo staff Tuesday, she operated a small graphic arts and design firm and worked as Main Street Manager for the City of Bay St. Louis.

Cuevas said, "I am happy to have Hawkins join The Echo's staff as news editor. She has had extensive newspaper experience, in addition to working with the press as a her position with the State Institutions of Higher Learning."

She gained her newspaper experience with the Lake Charles American Press in Lake Charles, LA and The Madison County Herald in Canton.

Prior to her tenure with the Board of Trustees, Hawkins worked as a legislative liaison for Mississippi University for Women in Columbus. She served as marketing director for Northpark Mall in Jackson during its first two years of operation.



B.R. HAWKINS

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She is a graduate of Wood Junior College in Mathiston and holds a bachelor of science degree in journalism from Mississippi University for Women. She is a member of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Public Relations Association of Mississippi and the Gulf Coast Ad Federation.

She has two children, Emily, a junior at Madison Central High School in Madison, and Joseph, a eighth grader at Bay High School in Bay St. Louis.

Hawkins replaces Richard Meek, who accepted a position with a publication in Indianapolis, Ind.

Poore named national mathematics award winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Dustin Poore of Bay St. Louis has been named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics.

The award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Poore, who attends Bay High School, was nominated for the national award by Mrs. Harris, a teacher at the school.

Poore will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Poore is the son of Lisa and Joe Bojarski and Terry and Robin Poore of Bay St. Louis.



Dustin Poore
This is Poore's third U.S. National Award.

Charles B. Murphy students recognized

Charles B. Murphy Elementary School announces the following sixth grade award winners:

American Legion, Hancock Bank, Rockwold, and Science awards, Charlie Taylor

President's Award for Educational Excellence, Britneye Farrell, Kaley Hennessey, Mary Mayzak, Charlie Taylor

President's Award for Educational Improvement, Melissa Bonaccorso, Robert Basor

Star Student, Reading, Language Arts, Spelling & Math awards and Superintendent's List, Mary Mayzak

Terrific Kids Award, Melissa Bonaccorso, Social Studies and Science awards, Britneye Farrell, Handwriting Award, Treasurer, Lee, Physical Education Award, Darius Acker, Kaley Hennessey, President's List, Britneye Farrell, Kaley Hennessey, Charlie Taylor, Perfect Attendance, Brent Acker.

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Republican Primary set Tuesday

BY B. R. HAWKINS
The republican primary for District 5 seat in the U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 in Hancock County.

Randy McDonnell, Karl Cleveland, Mertz and Shawn O'Hara will vie for the chance to face Democratic Incumbent, Gene Taylor in the November general election.

Bay library installs new book return

Books, videos and audiobooks may all be returned to the new bookdrop just installed at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Ulman Avenue in Bay St. Louis.

"Due to the heavy volume of library materials returned to our book returns," said David Woodburn, library public services coordinator, "we have now installed one larger book return that will accommodate videos, books and audiobooks. No longer do library users have to place their videos or audiobooks in a separate book return at this library."

Woodburn said videos and audiobooks must still be returned inside the Waveland and Kiln libraries.

Richter joins BSL staff

BY ED LEPOMA
Terry Richter has taken over as assistant to Willie Gavney, Hancock County chief building inspector and zoning official.

Richter, 38, began his official duties on April 21, and is a native of Oshkosh, Wis., and an Air Force veteran. He came to the area more than three years ago, and recently married Debbie Conraves, former clerk for the city of Waveland.

Richter had been without an assistant since early March when Neil Smith abruptly resigned, citing "incompatibility" as his reason a few days after Gavney came back from administrative leave.

Richter is considered a part-time county employee and will work a 30-hour work week. He will assist Gavney inspecting home and construction sites and enforcing violations of the county's zoning ordinance.

Three on Ole Miss honor roll

Heather Leigh Kopf and Natalie Marcello Marti, both of Kiln, have been named to the University of Mississippi's Chancellor's Honor Roll for the Spring Semester, and Russell Scott Manning, also of the Kiln, has been named to the University's Dean's Honor Roll.

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"CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

In recent days there have been hundreds of young men and women who were graduated from the county's four high schools.

Also we have had a number of students receiving associate, bachelor, master and doctorate degrees from community colleges, colleges and universities.

Congratulations are in order for each of these graduates for their accomplishments.

Graduation from high school is a very important step, and it is hoped graduates will further their education at community colleges, colleges, or universities.

In today's world there are far too many young men and women who fail to graduate from high school.

There is still an alternative for those not graduating from high school to obtain a diploma through our library system.

All students need to stay in school, as it is very important to obtain a good education in today's world.

Best of luck to each and every graduate.

While on the subject of graduation, a longtime friend of mine, Mrs. Maggie Dambrino, of Bay St. Louis, graduated from St. Joseph's Academy only 75 years ago.

Mrs. Dambrino is to receive special honors at Bay Catholic's graduation.

Mr. John Dambrino, Mrs. Dambrino's late husband, was the owner and operator of the Hancock County Eagle and sold to The Sea Coast Echo in 1967. Mr. Dambrino worked at The Echo for several years after the sale of The Eagle and had also worked at The Echo prior to starting The Eagle, which was in operation for 18 years in Bay St. Louis.

I wish to congratulate Mrs. Dambrino, who at age 92, is still very active in the community.

A reminder to motorists who travel the Bay of St. Louis bridge, it is scheduled to be closed from midnight to 5 a.m. Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12.

So motorists who use the bridge during those five hour periods will have to make other travel plans a week from now.

The reason for the bridge being closed is so work can be done on the draw bridge.

The metal parts of the draw bridge take a beating from the elements.

The technical reason for the closure given by the Mississippi Department of Transportation is for the rehabilitation of the bascule girders or pivot points of the draw bridge.

The work is scheduled to be completed by Friday, June 12.

Remember, the hours of closing, midnight to 5 a.m. starting Monday, June 8.

Recent weeks have been very good for the drainage projects happening in the Bay-Waveland area.

The drainage projects have caused the closure of some streets while the work is underway.

Hopefully the road closures are not causing motorists too much inconvenience.

I know in my home area we are making some detours because of the drainage work. On the other hand, the small detours are all worth it, if the drainage work eliminates the street flooding.

Motorists need to be extremely careful in areas where drainage improvements are underway. Please look out for the workers, too.



FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator
Scottie Cuevas



Health care, children's issues top Legislative successes in '98

Mississippians can expect improved emergency medical care over the next few years because of action the Legislature took during the 1998 session.

I am especially proud of the several dozen other health-related proposals passed and signed into law to make life better for people with a wide range of health concerns.

Planning for the statewide trauma-care system is under way, and after it is in place, every Mississippian will stand a much better chance of receiving the best emergency medical care in a nearby hospital.

The State Board of Health will organize a system of trauma care so that emergency personnel will be able to better communicate with physicians and transport injured persons to the nearest hospital best suited to their medical needs.

Although the funding was less than requested, I believe it will be enough to get started and then subsequent financial support can be sought.

Under another new law, state and federal funds will be combined to provide medical care for thousands of Mississippi children, whose working families cannot afford it. A state plan must be developed immediately to secure the federal match, and hopefully, we will be able to expand the program to all children in need.

The plan should be in effect by November 1998 and at first will cover children ages 15-17 whose families are living at 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

By making this kind of investment in children's health, Mississippi may be able to avoid the burden of more serious health problems for these citizens in later years.

The Legislature also strengthened seat-belt laws for children riding in passenger vehicles. The bill requires fastening into a safety seat all children up to age 4, with a secured seat belt for children between 4 and 8 regardless of which seat they are riding in.

Misdemeanor penalties of \$25 can be assessed against the drivers who do not require the children to wear the safety devices.

For persons in need of organ transplants, a new law will help local hospitals develop more aggressive organ-donor programs.

The goal is to better educate and inform families about the importance of organ donations and to increase the number of organs available.

The fight against teenage smoking will get \$5 million in financial support from the Attorney General's Office's national tobacco settlement fund. The money, through the Health Department, will go for school nurse programs and anti-smoking education efforts.

The Department of Health also has been given additional funds for additional responsibilities, such as establishing a registry for persons with HIV and AIDS.

regulation development and data collection for telemedicine; a state plan to assist Alzheimer's patients and their families; and to go ahead with work on Central Mississippi Residential Center for adults with chronic mental illness in Newton.

Other new laws will require insurance vendors to offer group coverage for diabetes, child immunizations and mammography; will allow rural hospitals to make new decisions about their levels of service; and extend "vulnerable adult" protection for nursing home patients of all ages.

The state's veterans' nursing homes also were funded an additional \$500,000 to help address staffing needs. However, a plan to bring some of the 1,500 new Medicaid-eligible nursing home beds throughout the state was vetoed by the Governor.

State laws governing medical malpractice suits were revised to limit filings to within two years from the date of the medical injury. In cases where a foreign object was left in a patient's body or the injury has been fraudulently concealed, the suit must be filed within seven years.

CHILDREN'S ISSUES

Passage of major reforms for the care of foster children was an important achievement, especially from the Senate, where a months-long study and series of hearings led to a bill with greater protection and services to foster children and their families, as well as foster parents.

Unnecessary multiple placements of foster children will be prohibited, and foster parents will be given a choice if a child is returned to foster care, a 72-hour notice of departure when a child is to be removed from the program, and an increase in their monthly allotment for the children's care. Additional state staffing is expected to improve management of these cases.

Child-abuse and neglect laws also were revised to bring about more immediate action.

In an effort to reduce teenage pregnancy, the Legislature raised the age of sexual consent from 14 to 16 and addressed the issue of male responsibility, including statutory rape and prevention, as well as strengthening penalties for violators.

Depending upon the victim's age, violators could face jail sentences ranging up to life in prison. A study of out-of-wedlock pregnancies was continued.

Legislators also provided \$10 million to bring two psychiatric hospitals at Whitfield and Meridian up to national standards during the next five years.

IN CONGRESS

By Representative
Gene Taylor



Taylor announces projects for Hancock, Pearl River

The House of Representatives passed the Fiscal Year 1999 Defense Authorization Bill 357-60. As ranking member of the House National Security Committee, which released the bill earlier this month, U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor worked to include defense projects vital to South Mississippi and our nation in the \$270.8 billion defense package.

"In committee we were able to come up with a strong defense bill to present to the House. I am pleased that the House has endorsed it," said Taylor. "We were able to ensure that the bill contains projects for the defense of our nation and related defense industries in South Mississippi."

Hancock County — Funding for the year 2000 included \$5.5 million for Special Boat Unit-26 Administrative Training Building to be built. This new Seal Unit from Panama will join SBU-22, which was transferred to Stennis Space Center last year. Funding of \$73.8 million for research and development of the Space Based Laser Missile Platform was included. Competing contractors have both expressed an interest in locating operations at Stennis Space Center.

Pearl River County — \$16 million was included to continue the LCAC Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) without interruption. The LCAC rubber skirt for these vessels is manufactured by Bell Avon in Picayune.

In committee, Taylor successfully amended the bill to include funding for projects at local defense installations and for military projects that will affect local defense contractors. Taylor also worked to add language for separate-sex basic training, to require random drug testing of Department of Defense employees and to increase funding for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

Taylor said he was also pleased to report a 3.6 percent military pay increase included in the bill.

Other funding highlights include the first of funding for LHD-8 and for an additional WC-130J aircraft (Hurricane Hunter).

These are used by the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron at KAFB. The bill included \$285.2 million for a total of five C/EC/WC-130J aircraft for the Guard and Reserve.

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Skills learned through peer mediation can be used not only in the schools, but in the students' neighborhoods and throughout their lives.

Peer mediation programs alone won't end school violence. But they can go a long way toward returning us to the more respectful approach to human interaction we seem to have lost.

Until we increase the positive in the sum of influences on our children, we will be left with only the negatives — lack of civility in everyday interaction, media violence, gutter politics, and the ready availability of guns.

The ABA encourages community leaders to start mediation programs in their schools, and make training in conflict resolution available to parents.

Teach children respect, not rage

By Kimberlee K. Kovach, chair
and Jack Hanna, director
ABA Section of
Dispute Resolution

We are a busy nation. We scurry around with our over-committed schedules, and too often dispense with civility in our attempt to save time. We cut one another off in traffic. We bump into one another on the street. We pursue our personal and business agendas without the slightest regard for other people. Our children see that we care little for our fellow Americans.

Similarly, our politicians play scorched earth games with one another and generally demonstrate a supreme disregard for civil or reasoned discourse. There is no limit to what our leaders will say about one another. And that's what — there are children listening and watching!

The message being entering fifth grade has been hundreds of thousands of acts of violence on television. This barrage of violence continues throughout their school years, and many psychologists believe that it desensitizes youth to witnessing violence.

When this omnipresent violence is coupled with the demonstrated incivility among adults and the easy availability of guns in our nation, tragedy can result. The single incident in the Arkansas schoolyard provides us an excellent opportunity to reflect on what we can do, as a society, to curb this social ills, and encourage constructive discourse and problem solving.

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civil society. We need to turn down the volume on our voices, remove the hate from our speech, and begin to teach a radical concept to our children — that each human being has value, and that such value deserves respect.

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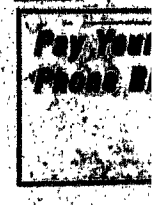
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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

"You had better get over to visit Alois Edwards! She is not doing well after her surgery."

Seldom has anyone riveted my attention the way Bernadine Emerson did that day when she admonished me to see about fellow parishioner Alois. Most startling and surprising was the fact that she, the quiet one, had said anything at all.

In a way, that summed up her whole life: seldom heard, but well punctuated when heard. Considering her well-rounded education and soft, articulate speech, it is amazing that this former school teacher always had so little to say in public.

However, it was always a joy to have Bernadine walk into your presence, look at you, and beam. Genuine and radiant, her soft smile made everyone feel comfortable and content just to be around church or wherever she happened to be.

If she had any bouts with poor health, she must have concealed them from everyone; for no one was prepared for her sudden illness and death within a matter of several weeks. I, for one, felt cheated, because I was out of town at the time.

A number of our church's workhorse ladies were present at Bernadine's Mass of the Resurrection, ducking in and out as they prepared the church hall for a funeral repast. They are the ladies who do most of the kitchen work for all events.

By the same token, they are the frontline headliners who toil in the trenches and, deservedly, get recognized and thanked for their many sacrifices of time and energy.

Curiously, Bernadine did not work with them at all; yet, she was without fail a huge provider of food and utensils for suppers, senior dinners and all forms of celebration. The ladies knew how much they depended on her generosity.

For a lady who seldom had a public word to say, a large part of her resources and a disproportionate amount of her conversation centered around her love for her church.

This potpourri of factors made for a unique celebration of life at Bernadine's funeral service. On the one hand, she was ever in the background of what was happening. On the other, her solid impact was realized only after she was gone.

Overriding the twinge of sadness which hangs over every funeral, there was a glad feeling about the life, heritage and current heavenly status of Bernadine Emerson. Everybody felt better, stronger because of this background lady.

Her apparent vulnerability and lack of self-assertion stood in marked contrast to the fact that there was nothing frumpy about her. Quiet she was, but by

Background indispensable people

no means dull or wanting in interest and engagement.

"I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints for the sake of Christ, for when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor. 12:10).

Paul spoke prophetically of people like Bernadine, who was in turn so much like St. Therese of Lisieux. Oddly, St. Therese's little way of holiness was also the crusty Paul's way.

Again, as in the case of Elizabeth Comeaux, I felt that I was indeed on holy ground, somehow in the presence of "I Am Who Am," Emmanuel, God is with us. More than during Bernadine's earthly life, we felt we were standing on holy ground.

Frontline headliners are no more indispensable to family, school and church than the faithful, holy background people.

Holloway named dean

University of Southern Mississippi students and colleagues welcomed the recent announcement that one of their own would be USM's new dean of students.

Dr. Eddie Holloway, 45, who's worked daily with Southern Miss students since 1979, assumes the new title and responsibilities effective immediately, said Dr. Joe Paul, vice president for student affairs.

Library's book discussion group to meet

Billiards at Half Past Nine by Heinrich Boll is the selection to be discussed at the library's book discussion group's next meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March, 1990. Since that time, they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke, deTocqueville), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

One selection from this book will be discussed at each meeting.

Information is available by calling David Woodburn at the library at 467-5282.

Luster selected for Governor's School

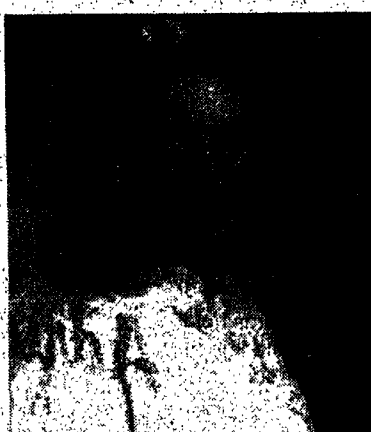
Sarah Luster, a sophomore at Our Lady Academy, has been selected to attend the 1998 session of the Mississippi Governor's School June 7-26 at Mississippi University for Women.

Established in 1981 by Gov. William Winter, the school is designed to provide academic, creative and leadership experiences for high school juniors and seniors with exceptional ability and achievement in their studies.

A 4.0 Alpha Honor Roll student, Luster is class treasurer, Campus Ministry Council class representative, a member of SADD and a member of the yearbook and literary magazine staffs.

Luster was chosen as Pepsi Student of the Month in both her freshman and sophomore years and as assistant Senate Messenger at the Youth Legislature last fall.

Luster also serves as a Sun Herald Teen Board member, a Princess Shoppe Teen Board



Sarah Luster

member, a member of St. Paul's CYO and is a lector and commentator at St. Paul's Catholic church.

Luster is also an afternoon volunteer tutor at St. Paul Elementary School and a volunteer at Miramar Nursing Home.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pritchard of Pass Christian.



Storyteller visits North Bay

As part of the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center outreach for the new 1998 summer camp program, Mississippi Touring Artist Chris Vinsonhaler visited schools and presented a workshop for third grade students. The program, entitled "We Are All Storytellers," introduced students to the excitement of storytelling through hands-on involvement. Third graders at North Bay had the opportunity to discover their own storytelling talents. The program, which complemented language arts instruction, was exciting and informative.

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SPORTS

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Ice hockey school registration June 7

The Mississippi Sea Wolves professional hockey team, in conjunction with Head Coach Bruce Boudreau, is proud to announce the formation of the "Mississippi Sea Wolves Hockey School" to be held entirely at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center.

According to Coach Boudreau, "This is the first hockey school of its kind here in the Deep South. The object of our school is to give kids from the South the same opportunities

that kids from the North have."

The school will be run two separate consecutive weeks starting Sept. 18 with no weekday session starting before 4 p.m. Some highlights of this school include:

- 16 total hours on-ice with a minimum of five hours of power skating taught by instructors from the world famous Cindy Bower Power Skating Academy, whose graduates include many NHL players.

She is the Power Skating Coach for the Edmonton Oilers,

Philadelphia Flyers, Toronto Maple Leafs, as well as the Russian National Team.

- Hockey skills training taught by Coach Boudreau and a minimum of four Sea Wolves players on the ice for any given session.

- A complimentary hockey school jersey and two complimentary tickets to a Sea Wolves exhibition game.

- A scrimmage on the final day with pro referees.

- A full-time professional goalie instructor.

Attendance at either one of the sessions is \$225 for 16 hours of on-ice instruction, or \$400 to attend both sessions for a total of 32 hours of on-ice instruction. Pre-registration will be at the Sea Wolves Office at the Coliseum Sunday, June 7, noon-2 p.m.

For information or a detailed brochure, contact the Sea Wolves office at 228/338-6151 ext. 30, or for out-of-area calls, 800/484-8401, ext. 7373.

Sailing camp

The Bay-Waveland Yacht Club is offering a sailing day camp in four two-week sessions this summer.

Campers will be occupied 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with activities focused on sailing, including how to sail, rigging and maintaining the boat, rules of the "road," and being knowledgeable and confident near the water.

Each student will have daily exercises to develop swimming skills. There will be a regatta during the first week of August for all students to compete for awards with a banquet on Thursday, Aug. 6.

The camp is available to children at least 9 years old and is open to the public. The camp runs Tuesday through Friday, with sessions every two weeks from June 9 through July 31. The camp costs \$220 per session for non-members and \$190 for children or grandchildren of members.

For information, call Gilly Chamberlain at 467-7414 or Judy Reeves at 467-5044 or the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club office at 467-4592.

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Championship fight scheduled

Grand Casino Biloxi, in association with M & M Sports, will present a night of "live" boxing Tuesday, June 9 at the Biloxi Grand Theatre. Doors open at 6 p.m.; the first fight is scheduled at 7 p.m.

The bouts are scheduled to include a NABF Jr. Middleweight championship fight with Tony Marshall (30-6-10 KO's/10 draws) battling Darren Marcinski (16-4-6 KO's).

Marshall has proven himself

many times over the last several years with strong performances against some of the best fighters in his division.

The co-main event will be a Jr. Lightweight fight. Derrick "Smoke" Gainer (24-4-15 KO's) will take on Orlando Soto (29-4-19 KO's).

Gainer is the former featherweight champion and holds the NABU title.

The full undercard is scheduled to include a women's bout

with Songul Oruc (1-0, 1 KO) and a yet-to-be-named opponent. Also scheduled on the undercard are Ross Thompson (21-3-1, 15 KO's) vs Tom Cameron (8-7-2, 3 KO's) and Victor McKinnis (12-0-1, 8 KO's) vs Eugene Johnson (4-3-2 KO's).

Tickets are now on sale at the Biloxi Grand Theatre Box Office (800-WIN-2-WIN) and at all TicketMaster outlets. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$45.

Tides, guides, notices for area fishing

BY B. R. HAWKINS
National Fishing Week began Saturday and will run through Sunday, June 7. The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks will offer free fishing on their 21 state lakes today, May 31, and Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7. However, rangers say you'll still need a valid sport fishing license. For a bit more information check out the National Fishing Week website at www.gofishing.org.

Gulf Coast Research Lab tide tables for Mississippi coastal waters are now available in an easy-to-use format on the Internet, according to Alan Criss, Institute of Marine Science web coordinator. The tide tables are downloadable at www.ims.usm.edu.

Botanist Cynthia Moncrieff of the Gulf Coast Research Lab in Ocean Springs says she has received phone reports of an red-purple algal bloom south of Horn Island but has not had reports of fish kills. She notes that the occurrence is probably not "red tide."

"The descriptions and absence of effects on fish and people strongly indicate that the algal bloom is likely made up of one or more varieties of non-toxic plants," Moncrieff said.

Slat baskets became legal year-round May 28 on most of Mississippi's interior waters. Chief of Fisheries Ron Garavelli said, "Of course, there are still a number of closed areas where slat baskets are illegal. If fishermen want to fish slat baskets in their area, we are advising them to check with their local county conservation officer."

If you fish with slat baskets, you must have a \$30 commercial fishing license and pay \$30 per slat basket and \$3 per tag. Each additional box and tag is \$33. There is no limit, however, to the number of boxes an angler can fish.

Just a note for later in June:

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a public hearing Tuesday, June 23 in the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center, 115 East Beach Blvd., Biloxi from 7-10 p.m. on a draft generic amendment essential fish habitat (EFH) in the Gulf of Mexico.

Lady Wildcat basketball camps

The 1998 Pearl River Community College Lady Wildcat Basketball Camps are set for June 7-11 and June 21-25 in M. R. White Coliseum.

The June 7-11 junior high camp is for players grades 5-8, while the June 21-25 high school camp is for players in grades 9-12. The camps will be held Sunday through Thursday of each week.

PRCC women's basketball coach Polly Kirkland, who completed her 11th season at The River this past season, will direct the camps with assistance from select area high school coaches and members of the Lady Wildcat team.

Cost for overnight campers is \$135, while day campers pay \$100. Any team sending eight or more players will get a \$5 discount per player.

Each camper is required to send a \$25 deposit with their application. Deposit refunds can be made in the event of an emergency until May 31.

Each camper will be covered by insurance for injuries, though sickness will not be covered. All campers are expected to follow the rules and regulations of the camp.

For information or to receive an application, call Kirkland at (601) 795-2245.

Hitting classes

Pearl River Community College baseball coaches will conduct hitting classes this summer.

PRCC head coach Jim Nightengale and assistant coach Adam Breerwood will give indi-

vidual hitting instruction in 90-minute sessions in the Wildcat batting cage on the Poplarville campus.

Cost is \$25 per session. For information, call (601) 795-1326.

Referee certification course

Bay Area Youth Soccer is looking for individuals interested in becoming certified soccer referees.

Applicants must be at least

12 years old.

Interested parties should contact Andy Kivlan at 466-2600.

COURT NEWS

Waveland Municipal Court Docket

COURT DATE MAY 7

Martin, Amanda, speeding, fined \$111.
Acker, Augusta, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Brink, Thomas, ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
Carrige, Tara, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Connetti, Charles, Jr., seatbelt violation, fined \$25; speeding, fined \$106.
Courtenay, Francis, careless driving, affidavit withdrawn; speeding, fined \$106.
Ericson, Zacharia, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Estave, Charley, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Favre, Star, expired/improper/no/switched tag, dismissed, produced valid tag, child restraint, dismissed, produced child restraint, improper equipment, dismissed, repaired light.
Frey, Robert Jr., ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101.
Galindo, Guillermo, speeding, fined \$126.
Gates, Salaina, speeding, fined \$106; expired/improper/no driver license, fined \$126.

Gomez, Teresa, speeding, fined \$131.
Hodgins, William, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Holzhauer, Cathene, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Howington, Diane, speeding, fined \$106.
Hunnicut, Sheryl, seatbelt violation; expired/improper/no/switched tag, affidavit withdrawn.
Huth, Amy, speeding, warrant issued.
Jernigan, Craig, improper equipment, not guilty, repaired headlight; seatbelt violation, not guilty.
Leiker, Frank III, DUI 1st offense, fined \$902; reckless driving, dismissed.
Malmstrom, Eric, expired/improper/no/switched tag; driving on suspended license, affidavit withdrawn.
Marshall, Wesley, reckless driving, dismissed; DUI 1st offense, fined \$902.
Maurshat, David, speeding, fined \$101.
Mills, Jack, speeding, fined \$111.
Murphy, Paul, driving on suspended license, fined \$276; expired/improper/no/switched tag, fined \$150.50.
Piazza, Shirley, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Richard, Cooper, speeding, fined \$111.
Shepherd, Rhonda, speeding, fined \$111.
Sims, Amanda, improper

parking/no parking, affidavit withdrawn.
Smith, Dennis, improper equipment/no safety helmet, affidavit withdrawn.
Smith, Dennis, seatbelt violation, affidavit withdrawn.
Smith Donald, speeding, fined \$111.
Smith, Robert, speeding, fined \$101.
Sterrett, Archie, speeding, fined \$111.
Strong, Betty, ran red light/stop sign, affidavit withdrawn.
Tolar, Richard II, reckless driving, affidavit withdrawn.
Webb, Robert, speeding, seatbelt violation, affidavit withdrawn.
Whittle, Ruben, improper equipment, not guilty, repaired light.
Zahlen, Gary, speeding, fined \$126.
Ashford, Shawn, possession of paraphernalia, fined \$150.50.
Collins, Andrea, T., trespassing/malicious mischief, fined \$250.50 and restitution.
Ezell, Stacie, C., false identifying information, sentenced to time served.
Hoover, Raymond G., Jr., possession of alcohol under age 21, fined \$150.50.
Lee, Terri L., bad check, fined \$150.50 and restitution; bad checks, 11 counts, restitution.
Trahan, Angela, contempt of court/failure to appear, fined \$150.50.

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Magic to host pool tournament

The Greater New Orleans area competition for the 1998 Camel 8-Ball National Team Championship begins with the Regional Team Championship.

On June 5-7, some 140 teams from New Orleans will be competing in a regional qualifying tournament at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis. Winners advance to the National Team Championships held at the Las Vegas Riviera Hotel & Casino July 31-Aug. 3.

Teams became eligible to compete in the Regional Team Championship by participating in weekly league play and placing first in their division during the summer, fall or spring session. There will be 11 teams from this area advancing to the National Team Championship, which features a guaranteed purse of \$500,000.

The Camel Pool League is sanctioned by the American Poolplayers Association (APA) based in Lake St. Louis, Mo. and is sponsored nationally by the Camel Brand of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. The APA is the largest amateur pool organization in the nation —

more than 165,000 members compete in weekly league play.

The APA's 9-Ball National Amateur Team Championship — featuring a guaranteed \$100,000 purse — precedes the National Amateur 9-Ball Team Championship, and will be held at the Las Vegas Riviera Hotel & Casino July 31-Aug. 3.

The APA is recognized as the Governing Body of Amateur Pool, having established the official rules, championships, formats and handicap systems for the sport of amateur billiards.

One of the keys to the success of the APA is The Equalizer, the APA's handicap system, which gives poolplayers of all playing abilities the opportunity to compete on an equal level.

Competition begins Friday, June 5 at 5 p.m. and continues throughout the weekend ending on Sunday night. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

For information about how to become involved locally in the Camel Pool League, contact Karl or Ellen Koster at (504) 887-8338 or visit the APA web site at www.poolplayers.com.



Weems signs with Pearl River

Pearl River Community College head baseball coach Jim Nightengale signed Bay High School infielder Casey Weems to a grant-in-aid scholarship Wednesday. Weems, son of Fred and Fran Weems, batted .488 for Coach Corey Bowles at Bay High School this past season and was the recipient of his team's Hitting Award. As a sophomore, he received the Tigers' Defensive Award. Weems is a member of BHS's Beta Club. His father is the former baseball coach at Bay High, while his brother, Luke, just completed his sophomore season with the Wildcats. PRCC assistant coach Adam Breerwood, left, was on hand at the signing. (PRCC photo)

Ball camp dates slated

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The 11th annual Ladner School of Basketball will have a new format this summer. The organizers of the clinic, Jay Ladner and Michael Ladner, will hold the camps at various times and sites in order to allow more children to participate.

Coach Jay Ladner is the head basketball coach at St. Stanislaus High School and Coach Michael Ladner is the head basketball coach at Hancock High School.

The first camp will take place at Hancock High School from June 8-12. The camp will start at 8 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. This camp is for boys only ages 5-12.

The second camp will be held June 12-13 at Hancock High School from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. This

camp is for boys only in grades 7-12.

The third camp will be for girls only in grades 3-12. The camp site will be Hancock High School. The days of the camp are June 22-26 from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

The fourth camp will be for girls only in grades 3-12. The camp site will be St. Stanislaus High School. The days of the camp will be July 27-31 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

The fifth camp will be for boys only in grades 3-12. The site for the camp will be St. Stanislaus High School. The camp dates are July 27-31 from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The cost for the camps are \$50 per camper. For more information on the camps, please call Coach Jay Ladner at 255-3393.

BAYS board accepts nominations

The board of directors of Bay Area Youth Soccer has completed its slate of nominations for the 1998-99 board. Voting will take place July 6 at 6 p.m. in the Mississippi Power Building auditorium. All interested active members are encouraged to come and vote.

Nominations have been placed for the following positions:

President, Eddie Cranford
Vice-president, Corky Hadden

Registrar, Kevin Headley
Treasurer, Angie Kivlan
Secretary, Julie Cannon

Commissioner, Curtis Cook,
Jeff Hansell, Colin McPherson,
Carl Szczecowski, Steve Rebol

Field Director, Richard Johnson

Those wishing to add their name to the list of nominees must do so by June 29 in order to be placed on the ballot.

Karate camp set for four June

Rannie Ladner of the Gulf Coast Shotokan Karate Club, 451 Highway 90, Waveland will host a four-week summer camp beginning Tuesday, June 2.

The camp, open to beginners through advanced level students of all ages, will run from

10 a.m. until noon each Tuesday and Thursday for four weeks. Cost of the camp is \$75 and includes a karate uniform.

For more information contact the Gulf Coast Shotokan Karate Club, on Highway 90 across from the Waveland Wal-Mart, at 463-0110.

Diamondhead Women's results

Diamondhead Women's Golf announces May 21 Points Event results:

Championship flight: 1. Mary Hays, 2. Cleo Watson, 3. Becky Jordan.

First flight: 1. Peggy Williams, 2. Theresa Blackledge, 3. Lester White.

Second flight: 1. Sharline

Lowery, 2. Faye Baldwin, 3. Jean Bluest

Diamondhead Women's Golf announces May 28 Odds & Evans results:

First, P. Lilley, T. Blackledge, J. Dorman, J. A. Smith

Second, S. Cordon, R. Stewart, B. O'Toole, B. Reddock

PRCC basketball camp for grades 3-6 set

The 1998 Pearl River Community College Wildcat basketball camp for youths in grades 3-6 is set for July 13-16 in M. R. White College.

PRCC head men's coach Richard Mathis will direct the day camp and will be assisted by Wildcat assistant coaches Isaac Brown and Chris Carter and members of PRCC's 1998 state championship team.

The camp will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to noon daily.

For information or a camp application, call Mathis at (601) 786-1175, or write: Coach Richard Mathis, Pearl River Community College, 101 Hwy. 11 North, Box 5037, Poplarville, MS 39470.



Signs with PRCC

Jeffrey B. Rose, center, graduating senior at Bay High, signs a letter of intent for Pearl River Community College for a tennis scholarship for the 1998-99 season. Those in photo are, from left, Lia Lagarde, Bay High tennis coach, Rose, and Jeffery P. Rose, his father. The Roses reside in Bay St. Louis. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Park Ten Lanes bowling results

Wednesday Night Men's Summer

Cory English 213, Danny Contreras 232, Jeremy Lizana, 209, Frank Darby 205, Don Waltman 204, 213; John Lansaw 211, Perry Davis 210, Mike Shiyu 222, Mike Lewis 215, 237 - 633, Duane Whittle 223, 248, 227 - 698; Brian Begue 238, 257 - 667.

Monday Night Miller

Roll-Off May 25
Michelle Smith 238, 237; Steven Smith "300," 257; 204, 229; Greg Walters Sr. 207, 202, 224, 211; Greg Walters Jr. 247, 266, 211, 211.

Park Ten Lanes registration

Park Ten Bowling Lanes, 4993 Park Ten Drive in Diamondhead will have bowling dates registration on the following dates and times:

May 13, 7 p.m., men

May 30, 10 a.m., youth

June 1, 7 p.m., men and women

June 3, 6:30 p.m., ladies

June 4, 7 p.m., men and women

June 8, 10 a.m., ladies

June 8, 1 p.m., seniors

June 9, noon, Casino Magic

June 9, 6:30 p.m., men and women

June 11, noon, seniors

June 11, 6:30 p.m. Christian Fellowship

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Entrepreneurs don't need to go it alone

Americans dream of being their own boss. In fact, nearly 30 percent of us are considering entrepreneurship. Today there are nearly 23 million small businesses in America. Small businesses in our community thrive and more should grow.

In the United States small businesses account for 99 percent of all employers and provide jobs to more than half of the private workforce. The lack of management expertise is cited as frequent reason why businesses fail.

For both start-up businesses and business owners with years of experience, information resource manuals and management advice and training are valuable. Lifelong learning is a part of our constantly changing business environment.

Asking for help is the surest way to avoid a problem before it

can begin or correct a problem before it grows.

Time is precious to an entrepreneur. Innovation and the speed at which businesses can create, market and deliver their products and services to the marketplace is a competitive advantage.

In order to maintain the ability to act quickly, entrepreneurs must find ways to avoid the downtime created by the lack of a business plan, process plan for delivering products or services or a well-defined marketing strategy.

These are basic challenges faced by entrepreneurs in every field from construction companies to restaurants and professional service firms to the solo business office.

Managing the business is the overall structure, process and

vision created by the owner. Plan to manage well without being overwhelmed.

Free assistance is available when it comes to small business management. One free resource is SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives). The SCORE Association is a nationwide network of 12,400 volunteer business counselors. It is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help small businesses grow and succeed.

SCORE counselors bring vast experience from owning their own business, to managing fortune 500 corporations, to serving as line managers in manufacturing or service companies.

These business professionals donate their time and talent to counsel, mentor and advise entrepreneurs. It's all about effective business management.

All SCORE counseling is confidential and free of charge. SCORE provides free information and e-mail counseling on the web. Visit SCORE on line at <http://www.score.org>.

Information is readily available for the asking. Entrepreneurs do not have to do it alone when they need help.

SCORE's successes are the real world successes of entrepreneurs in communities throughout America. Every entrepreneur succeeds based upon his or her own business savvy, but you will find that among entrepreneurs that are more than 3.5 million who have benefited from SCORE counseling.

Take advantage of SCORE as a resource to help you plan to manage your business. Small business owners in this area can obtain the advice of a business counselor by submitting a request to Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter 130 of SCORE at: One Bank of Mississippi Plaza, 2909 13th Street, Suite 203, Gulfport, MS 39501, (228) 863-4449.

Counselor from Chapter 130 has counseled more than 200 persons during the past year.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

Pearls of investing wisdom

In today's world, investing advice is as pervasive as oxygen. Pick up a newspaper or magazine, turn on the TV or answer the telephone, and you'll find someone promoting the latest and greatest way to achieve financial security.

However, there are a few real pearls of wisdom amid all the hype. Some of these gems can be found in the bookstore.

For example, "One Up on Wall Street," by Peter Lynch, is an easy-to-read book that shows ordinary investors how to pick good stocks. The former manager of one of the nation's largest mutual funds, Lynch says the average investor "can pick stocks just as well, if not better, than the average Wall Street expert."

"One Up on Wall Street" is sprinkled with amusing personal stories of how Lynch missed golden opportunities by focusing on trendy stocks. More importantly, he talks about his successes. Lynch encourages readers to be aware of companies that are successfully filling the needs of people. He also provides solid advice on financial planning before you ever invest a dime in stocks. "One Up on Wall Street" is fun reading with a message.

Benjamin Graham's "The Intelligent Investor" is classic reading for the serious investor. First published in 1949 and updated in 1973, "The Intelligent Investor" pro-

vides timeless advice. Graham views buying securities like owning a business. Know the business, get involved in its operation, understand its profit-making potential, trust your instincts and judgment, and much more. "The Intelligent Investor" is filled with logical advice that never grows old.

"The Investor's Anthology," by Charles Ellis and James Vertin, offers firsthand accounts from experts such as Warren Buffett, Ben Graham, T. Rowe Price and others. Between its covers you'll find real-life stories of investing successes and defeats, popular

misconceptions and foolish mistakes. A candid look at the experiences of some of the most successful investors of our time, "The Investor's Anthology" is entertaining and instructional.

"Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits and Other Writings" by Philip A. Fisher answers many of the most common investing questions. You'll find proven advice in this book, including Fisher's "Top 10 Don'ts for Investors." A pioneer of modern investment theory, Fisher introduced his ideas 40 years ago — and most of today's widely accepted philosophies can be traced to his genius.

Finally, "The Millionaire Next Door," by Thomas J. Stanley, is probably one of the most motivational books on investing. This column first discussed this book back in September 1997. Since then, it has made bestseller lists everywhere.

"Millionaire" tells us that becoming wealthy is within the reach of everyone and suggests specific ways to start. Stanley's studies show that hard work, frugality and a rigid investment plan can — and do — make millionaires out of ordinary people.

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Farm Credit Bank of Texas reports first quarter earnings

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated lending associations reported combined first quarter 1998 earnings of \$23.9 million.

This compares to net income of \$22 million for the first three months of 1997. These earnings are attributed to growth in net interest income, which increased \$3.7 million from the first quarter of 1997, primarily as a result of an increase in loan volume and a strong lending rate.

During the first quarter, loan volume grew by \$41.2 million in the long-term lending portfolio, while the short-term portfolio experienced a slight decline of \$4.8 million. Total gross loan volume at March 31, 1998 was \$4.082 billion.

This strong district performance was the result of the partnership and cooperative efforts demonstrated by associations and the bank.

Due to an increase in expenditures, partly relating to technological enhancements and support, Year 2000 compliance, and salaries and net pension costs, noninterest expense increased by \$2 million from the first quarter in 1997.

We have initiated a complete and thorough plan to address the Year 2000 issue. Our consultants, KPMG Consulting, are working with us to implement strategic and tactical improvements to core critical systems. We expect to be in compliance and tested by June 1999," said Henson.

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its 16 affiliated production credit associations and 25 Federal Land Bank Associations are member-owned agricultural lending cooperatives with combined assets totaling \$4.5 billion at March 31, 1998.

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Data New

American (AMC) has acquired its own DataSync Internet Service. AMC is an Exchange of offices in Fayetteville, La., Gulfport, La., Montgomery, Ala., Fla.

AMC has the financial Goldman Sachs with facilities in Fayetteville, La., Christian, Wiggins, Ala.

DataSync's superior ISDN noted by its customers for its customer service.

AMC announced a new service in markets by implementing new technology. The business will provide and integrate services. This approach will focus on how and compete in the future, specifically to the Internet.

"DataSync" for our plans," said

Grand ribbon

Grand hold a ribbon to officially inaugurate the Tower, Bell Fitness Center. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be 2 p.m. Monday, May 31.

The Bay features 140 rooms, suites, meeting rooms and all parking is free. 1,000 parking spaces are attached to the building.

The 34,000 sq. ft. building has a food and beverage area and available climate-controlled walkways.

The 30,000 sq. ft. convention center is located to the Tower, including foot ballrooms, and pre-function areas.

The Bayview Oaks restaurant is located in the building.

The 17,000 sq. ft. fitness center features a total spa area, a complete dual massage packages in Bellamy.

Business work

The Uni Mississippi Development Corp. is working on a new project in the Biloxi area.

BUSINESS NEWS

Datsync acquired by New Orleans based AMC

American MetroComm Corp. (AMC) based in New Orleans, has acquisition agreement between itself and Biloxi-based Datsync Inc., a regional Internet Service provider.

AMC is a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier, CLEC, with offices in Houston, Texas, Lafayette, La., Baton Rouge, La., Gulfport, Mobile, Ala., Montgomery, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla.

AMC has recently announced the financial partnership with Goldman Sachs of New York with facilities of several hundred million dollars for its aggressive expansion plans throughout the Gulf South.

Datsync has operations in Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, Gulfport, Lucedale, Pascagoula, Pass Christian, Picayune, Poplarville, Wiggins, Mobile, and Foley, Ala.

Datsync is recognized as the superior ISP in its focus markets noted specifically for its customer service and has been recognized in the "Top 3% in customer satisfaction" by CNET for its customer service efforts.

AMC and Datsync plan accelerated growth by providing services in 28 metropolitan markets by year end 1999. AMC is implementing revolutionary new technology and services to the business marketplace that will provide voice, video, data and internet services in one integrated solution.

This approach to the marketplace will have a profound affect on how businesses operate and compete today and in the future, specifically with respect to the Internet.

"Datsync is the perfect fit for our company's expansion plans," said Gary George, presi-

dent of AMC. "Datsync's focus on superior customer service and technical solutions makes our partnership a natural and provides a perfect synergy for both companies."

Datsync will remain headquartered in Biloxi and the only changes that are expected to be made are an increase in employees by 20 to 30 percent.

"AMC with its CLEC network, regional sales expertise and robust capabilities provides Datsync with exactly the right tools necessary for aggressively expanding Datsync's reach and capabilities," said Mark Gehres, president of Datsync. "AMC and Datsync have been working together for approximately one year, and this agreement is the logical next step for both of our companies, especially with the recent Goldman Sachs arrangements," says Gehres.

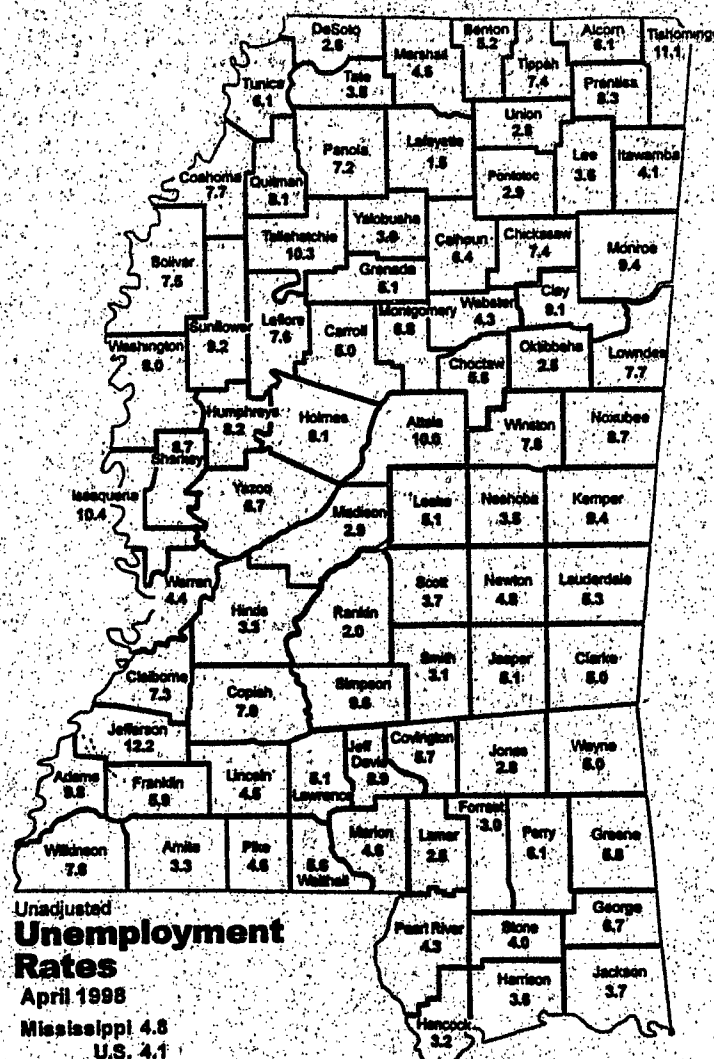
AMC has recently announced its financial partnership with Goldman Sachs and SGC, both of New York.

"We are pleased to have perhaps the most powerful financial institution in the U.S. backing our efforts," said Gary George, president of AMC.

"We feel that with their financial backing and commitment to our plans we can confidently provide the complete package that our customers desire."

AMC's stated goals and strategic plans are to become a Super-Regional CLEC in the Gulf South via aggressive growth and acquisition plans.

"With this announcement of Datsync and AMC we have taken the first step toward implementing our plans and achieving our goals," says George.



Unemployment rate falls a full percentage point

Following the national trend, Mississippi's unemployment rate for April fell a full percentage point from the previous month to a rate of 4.8 percent, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) announced.

Contributing to the lower rate were the continued strengthening of the economy and increased activity in the trade, services and agricultural industry sectors, according to Thomas E. Lord, MESC executive director.

"Mississippi's unemployment rate of 4.8 percent compares very favorably with the national rate of 4.1 for the month of April," Lord said. The number of new entrants and reentrants into the labor force was unusually low for this time of year reflecting the strong national and state economies Lord said.

Lafayette County again re-

corded the lowest unemployment rate in the state with 1.5 percent. Ranking County was close behind with a rate of 2 percent.

Only five Mississippi counties recorded double-digit unemployment rates during April, the smallest number of counties in double digits in many years. The five counties were Attala at 10 percent, Tallahatchie at 10.3 percent, Issaquena at 10.4 percent, Tishomingo at 11.1 percent and Jefferson at 12.2 percent.

Lord said that May's unemployment rate should continue to improve unless the number of student workers seeking summer jobs causes the rate to rise.

"Overall it appears that 1998 employment is on track to equal or better that recorded in 1997 when Mississippi had its lowest unemployment rate in more than two decades," Lord said.

Whitney declares dividend

The Board of Directors of Whitney Holding Corporation voted to declare a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.30 per share of common stock, payable July 1, 1998 to shareholders of record as of June 15, 1998.

This is the same rate as the previous quarter's dividend and presents a 7.1% increase over the cash dividend declared in the second quarter of last year.

Whitney Holding Corporation, whose stock is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market (WTNY), is the holding company for the wholly owned banking subsidiary Whitney National Bank, with banking operations in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

The Whitney now operates over 100 banking locations in this four-state Gulf Coast region including southern Louisiana; the coastal region of Mississippi; Mobile, Montgomery, and the Alabama Gulf Coast; and the Pensacola area of Florida. The Whitney, which has been in continuous operation since 1883, currently has assets of approximately \$4.7 billion.

Grand's Bayview Hotel ribbon cutting is Tues.

Grand Casino Biloxi Will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially celebrate the opening of the new Bayview Hotel Tower, Bellissimo Spa, Salon & Fitness Center and Convention Center. The ribbon cutting will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 2. Biloxi Mayor A. J. Holloway will be guest speaker.

The Bayview Hotel Tower features 14 stories of 500 luxurious rooms, including 40 suites, most with kitchen facilities and all with jacuzzis. Valet parking is available, and a 1,000 parking space garage is attached to the hotel.

The domed lobby overlooks the 84,000 square foot pool, terrace and deck area and poolside food and beverage service is available for guests. Two climate-controlled covered walkways connect the hotel to Grand Casino Biloxi.

The 30,000 square foot convention center, which is adjacent to the Bayview Hotel Tower, includes a 16,000 square foot ballroom, eight meeting rooms, and 6,000 square feet of pre-function space. Located in the Bayview Hotel lobby is the Oaks Cafe, a 225-seat restaurant.

The 17,000-square-foot Bellissimo Spa, Salon and Fitness Center focuses on providing a total spa and salon experience. A complete spa menu of individual massage therapies and spa packages is available for guests. Bellissimo's signature pack-

age includes aromatherapy massage, herbal wrap, facial, manicure and pedicure. Guests may also choose the Grand Adventure Spa package with one night suite lodging, a dinner cruise on the Grand Adventure yacht, theatre tickets, and complete spa services for two.

Other treatments include Swedish massage, reflexology massage, vichy shower, hydrotherapy treatment, as well as Salt Glow, Loofah and Exfoliation treatment. A state-of-the-art fitness center is also available to any registered guest with a room key.

The Bayview Hotel Tower at Grand Casino Biloxi further complements the original Islandview Hotel Tower, which also has 500 luxury rooms and includes 40 suites. The 1600-seat Biloxi Grand Theatre joins the 115,000-square-foot Grand Casino Biloxi.

The capital expenditure for the expansion was approximately \$80 million. When the addition of the 500-room Oasis Hotel at Grand Casino Gulfport is completed in mid-1999, and the completion of the 18-hole Jack Nicklaus-designed championship golf course in late 1999, Grand Casinos will have over \$650 million invested on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Grand Casinos Inc. is a publicly traded company listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol GND. The company currently owns and operates the three largest casino hotel resorts in the state of Mississippi, manages two land-based casinos in Louisiana and manages one casino hotel resort in Minnesota.

Business workshop

The University of Southern Mississippi's Small Business Development Center is offering a workshop, "Thinking About Going Into Business?" on Wednesday, June 3, 6-9:30 p.m. at the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, 1948 Beach Blvd., Biloxi.

The fee for the workshop is \$25. For more information, call the Small Business Development Center at 336-5555 or visit the website at www.usm.edu/sbdc.

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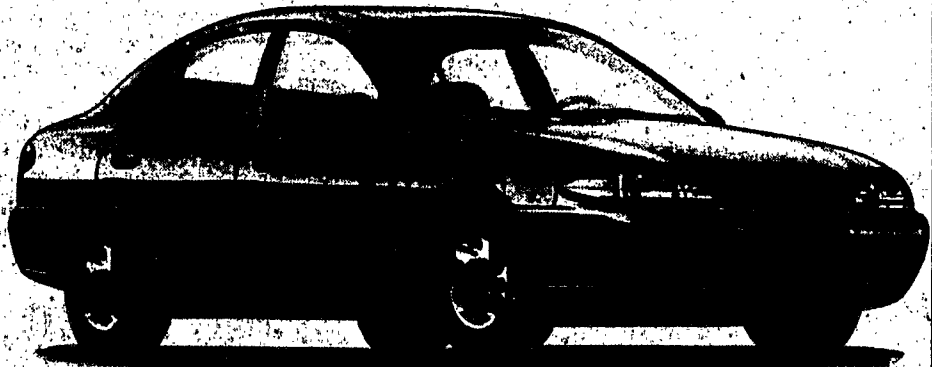
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Landfill — Slow process

areas having one to six members, depending on their waste flow.

The Echo talked to Jimmy Sloan, who has served as executive director of the Golden Triangle Regional Authority since May of 1995 and oversees its day-to-day operations.

The landfill is located about 10 miles east/northeast of Starkville, Sloan said, and when the Authority was formed it was decided that the landfill

would only accept garbage from the six-county area represented by the Authority. The farthest points where garbage is hauled into the landfill are Webster and Choctaw counties, about 48 miles away.

Sloan said landfill founders decided to purchase the acreage for the landfill rather than try to obtain it by eminent domain. He said the 687 acres came at a cost of about \$1,200 an acre, representing an initial invest-

ment of \$792,000.

The Authority floated a \$5.4 million bond issue for land acquisition and construction. Sloan said, construction began on the first cell and access roads in February 1995. It officially opened in October 1996. A second 10-acre cell opened last March. Sloan estimates about 101,000 tons of garbage is being dumped and covered annually.

Besides household garbage, the Section D landfill is author-

ized to accept non-hazardous industrial waste. Sloan said, "We have a lot of businesses in the area, and they are all paying a tipping fee, based on the amount of tonnage they bring in."

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SJH — Graduate remembers

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Damborino is the oldest living graduate.

"I know four (classmates) have passed away, but I don't know about the other," said Damborino.

The past 75 years have brought a lot of changes, said the 1923 graduate, including the school area itself.

St. Joseph Academy stood on the present site of the OLC community center, and included the

convent, complete with dining hall and basement. There was even a pier with a bathhouse in front of the school.

"There were a lot of boarders who stayed at the convent," Damborino said. "The Academy was a boarding school."

Even so, she said she knew almost all the students.

The uniform of the day was a navy blue skirt with a white blouse, and nuns made up the

teaching staff.

"They were strict, but like any teacher, they wanted you to learn," said Damborino. "It was nice. We loved them all."

There were some definite rules however:

"When we were in the classroom, which faced the beach, and the college (St. Stanislaus) boys were walking on the beach, we couldn't go by the windows."

she recalled.

Discipline was not much of an issue, however, because students hardly ever disobeyed in anything.

At the time, Mother Augustine headed the school and Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Sr. Raphael and Sr. Veronica were teachers. There are also fond memories of Sr. Albertine.

"Sr. Albertine minded the kids and told us stories about the Shrine of Our Lady of the Woods," she said, pointing out that Sr. Albertine is the only nun buried in St. Mary Cemetery.

Following graduation, Damborino returned to school to take courses in typing and shorthand and in 1927 married John Damborino, now deceased.

John Damborino worked for the Sea Coast Echo for many years before beginning his own newspaper, The Hancock County Eagle.

Damborino has two daughters, nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She remains very active and said she enjoys events, such as the reunion. She also participates in a senior citizens singing group which performs at nursing homes.

When asked how she stays so young, she offered no secrets or magic formulas.

Damborino laughed and said she was once asked what she ate, to which she responded, "Regular food."

"I live every day asking the Lord to give me the strength to do the many things I have to do and do them well," she said.

Marina — Underway

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to tie into the Sewerage line coming from Bayou Caddy. Ultimately, 50 other residents on Lakeshore Road will also be allowed to connect to the sewerage system.

Supervisors plan to let a contract later for the harbor master's building, which will include restrooms for the public that will be handicapped accessible.

Malouf Construction Company of Madison, Miss., will construct the marina, and Lader said estimates are the first phase can be completed "in four to five months" if the weather is good.

District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour, who also helped champion the marina, said, "I'm glad to see this project finally get underway."

He said the citizens have waited several years for the return of a marina and boat launch at Bayou Caddy, and predicted there will be noticeable return on the investment.

Mayor Jim also pushed for construction of the marina because he said the legislature and DMH would be more likely to increase the funding anding to Hancock County next year if they saw signs of progress on the public facility.

Reading — Summer

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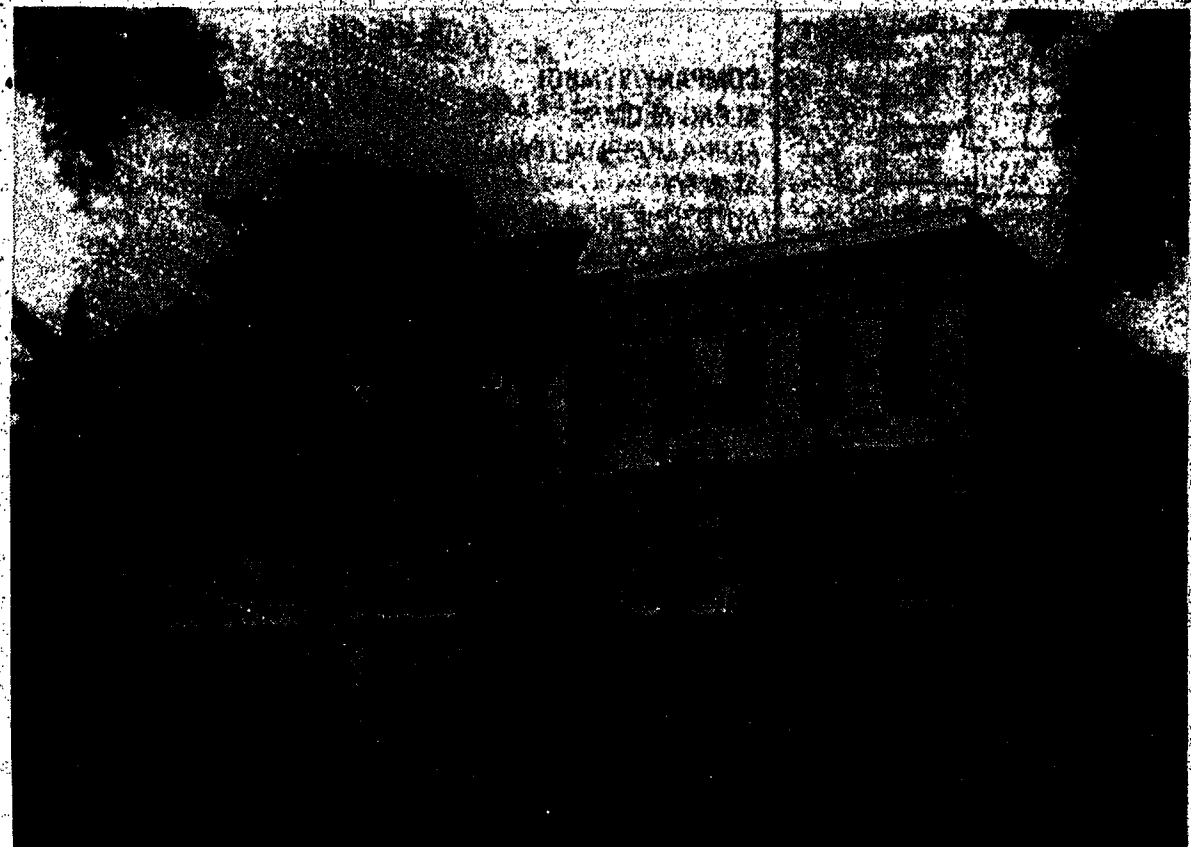
least six books between June 1 and 25.

To validate each visit, each reading record must be stamped. Merit stamps will be presented for every five books read beyond the basic goal of six books.

Some of this year's programs include martial arts demon-

strations, wildlife presentations, fireworks, a tour of a firetruck and much more.

For information, contact David Woodburn, Bay St. Louis Hancock County Public Library, 407 S. 2nd St., Bay St. Louis, 39320, or the Bay St. Louis Hancock County Public Library, 407 S. 2nd St., Bay St. Louis, 39320.



Anniversary celebration today

Maggie Damborino will join other alumni of St. Joseph Academy and Our Lady of the Gulf for a celebration Mass and reception today. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of her graduation from St. Joseph.

Recent drought threatens hay

Recent dry weather has been great for putting up winter hay, but it's slowed the growth of summer grasses and reduced its quality.

Dr. Bill Tucker, supervisor of the Mississippi State University dairy farm, said abnormal weather has made the first cutting of summer hay late this season.

"The weather has been hotter and drier than normal and our summer grasses have not come out as vigorously as they usually do," Tucker said.

Quality, as well as quantity, suffers as well when there is not enough moisture.

"Usually the hotter the weather, the higher the lignin content, which is a part of the fiber in the grass that the animals can't digest," Tucker said.

Mitchell Roberts, superin-

tendent of on-campus research farms with the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, said the dry weather has made it possible to cut the winter grasses, but could hurt future cuttings.

"We're okay now, but if it continues to be hot and dry, the growth of our hay crop will slow down, so our next hay cutting will be short," Roberts said.

Kipp Brown, Carroll County agent with MSU's Extension Service, said spring started well for hay, with plenty of rain, but a cold snap around Easter set the grass growth back. The first hay cutting will likely be about a week late because of this delay.

"With the warm, warm weather, the grasses have really started growing and now we need some moisture," Brown

said. Rick Simmonds produces hay on about 100 acres in Neshoba County. He usually cuts the first hay of the year the first of June, but this year he'll have to wait until the second week.

"The soil is starting to run out of moisture," Simmonds said. "Normally the soil stays pretty wet until July and August, but if we don't get some rain, we'll have to start irrigating right after we cut the hay."

"Irrigating the grasses costs about \$100 a day in fuel, labor and other expenses," Simmonds said. "All that's going to come off the profit and if we don't get some rain."

Hay producers across the state would like to see a few days of rain then dry weather to allow them to cut and put up the hay. More rain will be needed then to grow the second cutting.

Luckyday Foundation gives \$350,000 to help combat teacher shortage

A Jackson-based foundation has stepped forward with a \$350,000 gift to the University of Mississippi in hopes of helping fill the critical shortage of teachers in Mississippi classrooms.

Founded by Frank Day — chairman of the board of Trustmark National Bank and an Ole Miss alumnus — the Luckyday Foundation has established a scholarship program to encourage men and women to pursue meaningful careers in education.

Ten \$2,500 Luckyday Teacher Education Scholarships will be awarded for the fall 1998 semester. Preference will be given to students who plan to teach at the junior high and secondary levels.

The scholarships are designed specifically for community college students in Mississippi to complete their undergraduate studies in the Ole Miss School of Education. Applicants must agree to teach in Missis-

sippi for at least three years following their graduation and certification, assuming that such employment opportunities are available.

"We are extremely pleased to announce this new scholarship program, which will assist deserving students and help provide inspired educators to teach future generations of Mississippians," said Ole Miss Chancellor Robert O. Khayat.

"The vision and generosity of Frank Day enables the University of Mississippi to provide resources right away for 10 students, increasing to 20 scholarships in 1999, 30 in 2000 and 40 in 2001.

Elementary school sets meeting

Bay-Waveland School District will hold a meeting Wednesday, June 3, 1998, in the Waveland Elementary School Cafeteria to discuss the relationship

of students' grades in Bay compared to their peers.

The meeting is for students who have completed 24 hours at a community of junior college in Mississippi. Each applicant must demonstrate financial need of at least \$2,000 and must have a score on the ACT (or SAT) of 24 or less than 24. The meeting is for students who are currently in the Bay-Waveland School District and must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 or above.

Elementary school sets meeting

of students' grades in Bay compared to their peers.

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Bay Catholic 'jumps' for heart

Sixty percent of the students participated in the competition, which was conducted by Bay Catholic P.E.

Students also jumped rope in P.E. classes at school and were taught the benefits of regular physical activity.

As a reward for their efforts

students were treated to a demonstration by the "Jump Rope Team" comprised of the Jump Rope Corps of Christ Episcopal School in Baton Rouge, LA under the direction of Sunny Seale. The team thrilled students with jump roping maneuvers and skills.

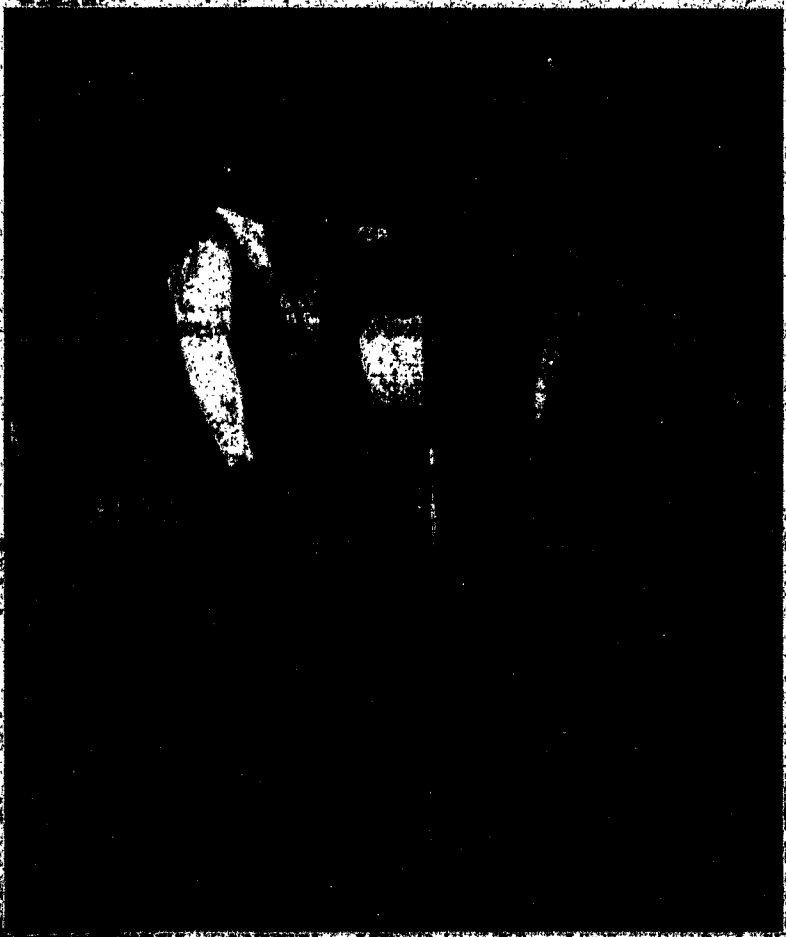


Main Street UMC holds special service



Musical service

As part of the annual Holy Week events, Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis presented "The Gospel of Jesus Christ," a music and scripture service, (Left) The Praise Bells, under the direction of Judy Guy, presented "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." The entire Main Street united methodist Music Department, under the direction of Mary Howard, presented a gospel concert in celebration of lent. Scripture passages, red throughout, the program by Rev. Van Carpenter, emphasized the teachings of Jesus Christ.



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LUNCH 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Monday — Hot Dog with Chili, Potato Chips, Peas and Carrots, Chilled Pineapple, Ice Cream Sandwich.
 Tuesday — Turkey Sub, Stack of Trimmings, French Fries, Peanut-butter Chews, Strawberry Applesauce.
 Wednesday — Spaghetti and Meat sauce, Steamed Vegetables, Chilled Peaches, Rice Krispie Treats, Hot Roll.
 Thursday — Pepperoni Pizza, Buttered Corn, Fresh Garden Salad, Homemade Brownie, Vanilla Ice Cream.
 Friday — Chicken Fillet on Bun, Stack of Trimmings, Seasoned Fries, Frozen Juice Bar.

Menus subject to change without notice.

Parents coping with stress can help teens under pressure

The way parents handle their own stress may be the single most important factor in how their teen-agers handle the tough times, says Dr. Charles West, a University of Mississippi assistant professor of family and consumer sciences.

"I'm not into blaming anyone," says West, who serves as part of the family counseling team at the University Counseling Center on the Oxford campus. "I do think that stress is contagious and that teen-agers may experience what I call 'bad stress,' when parents don't handle their own daily pressures well."

Managing your own stress — as well as trying to avoid inadvertently putting undue pressure on your teen to succeed — is advice West offers parents of teen-agers. The Ole Miss expert also offers these tips:

- Recognize the difference between "good" and "bad" stress.

Some stress — that is, "good stress" — can be energizing and motivating for teen-agers and help them handle the transition to competent and healthy adulthood.

"Some teen stress is just the manifestation of the normal growing pains associated with adolescence," says West. "I think you know when it's 'bad' stress; that's when your kid stops having fun."

- Maintain a confident interest in your child.

"The key word here is 'confident,'" West says. "Don't operate on the assumption that your child isn't going to measure up; assume that she will be up to whatever challenges she sets for herself." This helps your child feel empowered, and that sense of power can help them cope with pressure.

- Honor your child's other relationships and get to know their friends.

"It's normal for teens to turn to their friends for help in times of trouble," he says. "And while most teens do not idealize their parents, they still want to know that you're interested in them. Ask if there's a problem, and let them know you're available anytime."

- Watch for warning signs of overstressed teens and be ready to seek professional advice.

Among the signs of "bad" stress, says West, are headaches, gastrointestinal distress, eating disorders, avoidant behavior and any radical change in behavior.

While there's a big difference between stress and depression in teens, too much "bad" stress can lead to depression.

Depression can lead to risk

'Quick-Start' nursing course set

The University of Mobile is offering a new course designed for Licensed Practical Nurses looking for a way to turn their work experience into college credit and significantly reduce the amount of time it takes to earn an associate degree in nursing.

"Application of Clinical Concepts: Nursing 300" will be offered July 10 through Aug. 7 during the third summer term at the University of Mobile. Registration is now underway.

Prospective students may contact the office of admissions or the School of Nursing at (834) 875-5990

Slidell Memorial Hospital and Medical Center is offering these special programs in June, designed just for teenagers, pre-teens and their parents:

Babysitting Basics:
 June 10; 1:30-3:30 p.m., cost, \$5 at SMH Family Resource Suite. The workshop is designed for "new" babysitters, 11 to 13 years old.

Special programs target teens, pre-teens in June

Attendees will listen, practice and role play as they learn. Topics will include first aid tips, safety precautions for the sitter and for children in their care, bathing and diapering, handling tempter tantrums and more.

Hints on setting fees, how to screen jobs for safety, as well as how to determine their own babysitting abilities will be discussed.

Class size is limited. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Call (504) 646-0044 to register.

Girl Talk: Adolescent Gynecology:
 June 17, 7 p.m., free in the SMH Family Resource Suite.

Girls at the ages of 9-13 are encountering physical and emotional changes which result in their personal development.

John Ann Roussel Lobello, MD to discuss the stages of development so women of all ages are familiar with growing up. For information, call (504) 646-8800. To register, call (504) 646-0044.

Ole Miss donation

Dr. Fraser Triplett of Jackson had an idea to give the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy \$200,000 to establish a clinical pharmacy endowment in memory of his father, Rod Triplett, and in honor of his friend, George D. Behrakis.

And when Behrakis, a leader in the pharmaceutical field, learned of the Triplett-Behrakis School of Pharmacy Endowment Fund, he matched the contribution with a \$200,000 gift of his own to Ole Miss.



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Orientation for new MSU students to be held in June

Five summer orientation sessions are scheduled for students enrolling for the first time this fall at Mississippi State University.

Three two-day programs for freshmen and two one-day programs for transfer students are being offered during June. In addition to advance scheduling of classes, students—and their parents—will have the opportunity to meet faculty members and administrators, as well as students already enrolled.

This year's dates for fresh-

men are June 13 and 14, 18 and 19 and 27-28. Transfers will meet June 12 and 26. Separate, concurrent sessions are held for parents.

"We strongly encourage all new Mississippi State students to take full advantage of summer orientation," said Jimmy Abraham, director of enrollment services.

"Students and parents both have said that orientation is beneficial because it allows them to see the university up close, learn about the many ser-

vices available and visit with people who work and go to school here," Abraham added.

Last year's total attendance of more than 4,300 students and parents set an MSU orientation record.

Complete information about orientation may be obtained by writing to the Office of Enrollment Services, Box 6334, Mississippi State, MS 39762-6334. The telephone number is (601) 325-3076 and the e-mail address is LEAD@msstate.edu.



Students of the Month

St. Stanislaus named seven Students of the Month for May. They include, from left, freshman Michael Ryan, son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Ryan of Pass Christian; senior Chris Estrada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Estrada of Bay St. Louis; eighth grader Santiago David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan David of San Luis Potosi, Mexico; junior Jonathon Gagnon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ross of Waveland; seventh grader Todd Farrar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Farrar of Diamondhead; sophomore Frank Carraci, son of Mr. Mark Carracci of Metairie; and sixth grader Stefan Clayton, son of Ms. Maria Clayton of Baton Rouge. The students are chosen on the basis of sincerity, respect, courtesy, cooperation, effort, service, moral character and achievement.

HNC elementary students honored

Hancock North Central Elementary School announces sixth grade award winners as follows:

American Legion Award: Justin Lacoste, Brooke Necaise
President's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement: Amanda Arcement, Marjorie Blanchette, Kari Caple, Rachel Courtney, Anna Davidson, Lakrissha Dedeaux, Amanda DiRito, Melinda Dittman, Diana Donovan, Nathan Esparza, Ashley Flynt, Ashley Garfield, Rachel Hollis, Jennifer Ladner, Chase Ladner, Matthew Ladner, Mindy Ladner, Haley Lee, Joshua Lingsch, Kyle Lizana, Rachel Molyneaux, Katherine Moody, Lori Moran, Maegan Moran, Brooke Necaise, Ashley Necaise, Marae Patton, Amanda Ruiz, Michael Savage, Amber Shaw, Heather Shaw, Pepper Vance, Lauren Veach, Christopher White, Colin Wilson.

President's Award for Outstanding Educational Improvement: Jason Cospelich, Summer Dawson, Loretta Henley, Matt Laursen, Leah McGuire, John Rogers, Nicholas Saucier, Chris Stewart.

Scholastic Excellence Award (All A's in grades 1-6): Nathan Esparza, Jennifer Ladner, Haley Lee, Joshua Lingsch, Lauren Veach, Chris White, Colin Wilson.

Star Student: Willie Beeson, Nathan Esparza, Ashley Garfield, Joshua Ladner, Haley Lee, Danielle Mitchell, Wanda Thill, Colin Wilson.

Citizenship Award: Jason Cospelich, Melinda Dittmann, Frankie Evans, Loretta Henley, Johnathan Hoda, Katy Jones, Chase Ladner, Kasey Ladner, Matt Laursen, Haley Lee, John Nelson, Chassity Seals, David Wartenburg, Lisa Wyatt.

Language Arts Award: Rodney Bruggert, Aimee Chavez, Brent Ladner, Haley Lee, Maegan Moran, Maegan Pugh, Amber Shaw.

Math Award: David Balderson, Jennifer Crapps, Diana Donovan, Brad Farrar, Michael Hughes, Ashley Necaise, Jennifer Sawain.

Music Award: Jason Cospelich, Tiffany Lloyd.

Reading Award: Patricia Davis, Ashley Flynt, Tiffany Lloyd, Rachel Molyneaux, Lori Moran, Chase Stephenson, Krystle Wilson.

Science Award: Marjorie Blanchette, Ashley Garfield, Curtis Hyatt, Philman Ladner, Rachel Lee, Danielle Mitchell, Katherine Moody.

Social Studies Award: Matt Crittenden, Andy Ladner, Chase Ladner, Chassity Ladner, Chassity Seals, Corinne Spiers, Chris White.

Spelling Award: Morgan Hillman, Rachael Hollis, Heath Jenkins, Chris Knight, Heather Shaw, Lauren Veach, Tiffany White.

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Perfect Attendance: Nathan Esparza, Alan Peters, Brandon Reynolds, Chris White.

Physical Education Award: Charles Bolden, Devin Fejka, Matthew Guillot, Loretta Henley, Katy Jones, Daphne Ladner, Jerrin Ladner, Kerry Ladner, Matt Ladner, Leah McGuire, Maegan Pugh, Brett Talley, Miles Warren.

Peyton wins art contest

Michael Peyton, a 6th grade student at Charles B. Murphy Elementary School in Pearlington, placed first in district and state competitions of the Mississippi School Food Service Association's "Creating Healthy Tomorrow's" art contest.

For placing first, Peyton received \$100 and has his winning entry displayed in the Mississippi State Department of Education's Child Nutrition Office in Jackson.



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BIRTHS

ERICA LORISHA LADNER

Mr. and Mrs. Aric O'Brian Ladner of Standard Dedeaux announce the birth of their first child, Erica Lorisha, April 23, 1998 at 1:10 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Ladner is the former Marisha Necaise. Maternal grandparents are Gene and Loraine Necaise of Kiln. Paternal grandparents are Donald Wayne and Sandra Ladner of Kiln.

Great-grandparents include Evelyn Necaise and the late Forrest Necaise, Eugene and Viretta Ladner and Clifton and Mazie Ladner and the late Edison and Katie Martin.

KATELIN MARIE MORRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Morris of Kiln announce the birth of their first child, Katelin Marie, May 19, 1998 at 7:46 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Morris is the former Donna Radcliffe. Maternal grandfather is Harry Radcliffe of Montclair, N.J. Paternal grandmother is Antoinette Kelley of Bay St. Louis. Great-grandmother is Loretta Mazzie.

CONNOR MICHAEL DUBUISSON

Muriel and Charles Dubuisson of Pass Christian announce the birth of a son, Connor Michael, May 12, 1998 at North-Shore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

JESSE LEE DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Davis of Waveland announce the birth of their first child, Jesse Lee, May 3, 1998 at 7:57 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Davis is the former Shannon Leigh Owings.

Maternal grandparents are Michael C. and Glenda O. Owings of Memphis, Tenn.

Paternal grandparents are William E. and Virginia G. Davis of Memphis.

Great-grandparents include June and Duke Owings, Oscar Curtis Owings, Velda Grady and W. K. Davis.

MARISSA LYNN DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew L. Davis of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a daughter, Marissa Lynn Davis, May 12, 1998 at 12:10 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Mrs. Davis is the former Melissa Alley.

Maternal grandparents are Aida Alley and Donald Paul Alley Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Linda Davis and Ron Davis Sr. of Wentworth, Mo.

Great-grandmother is Lorraine Theardyard.

TREVOR LANE CLARK

Jonathan Clark and Rebecca Reyes of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Trevor Lane, May 17, 1998 at 4:52 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Charlene Nabak of LaPlace, La., and Ben Reyes of St. Rose, La.

Paternal grandparents are Belinda and Stephen Clark of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Charlotte Richardson of Bay St. Louis, Bernice Becraft of Southport, N.C. and Pauline Clark of Southport, N.C.

JOSEPH DYLAN WHITE

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore C. White of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Joseph Dylan, May 15, 1998 at 9:17 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Mery Ferrier.

Paternal grandmother is Doris White.

Great-grandmother is Joyce Ferrier.

Joseph is welcomed by his sister Amanda.

GABRIELLE ELISE SPICER

Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Spicer of Ocean Springs announce the birth of their second child, Gabrielle Elise, May 16, 1998 at 8:35 a.m. at Columbia Garden Park Community Hospital.

She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mrs. Spicer is the former Sheri Evans.

Maternal grandparents are Donna Evans of Biloxi and John Evans of Weedville, Pa.

Paternal grandmother is Linda Spicer of Starlake, N.Y.

Great-grandparents include Mary Lou Travis of Bath, N.Y. and Frank Evans of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Gabrielle Elise is welcomed by her sister Alexis Danielle.

TIFFANI BRYAHNA GRAHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Graham of Gulfport announce the birth of their first child, Tiffani Bryahna, May 22, 1998 at 8:38 a.m. at Columbia Garden Park Hospital.

She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mrs. Graham is the former Denise LeMaire.

Maternal grandparents are Maurice and Gloria LeMaire of Gulfport.

Paternal grandparents are Jack and Mary Graham of New Augusta, Miss.

ALYLIN YANEL

Sylvia Cantu and Mario Burgos of Waveland announce the birth of their first child, Aylin Yanel, May 8, 1998 at 5:43 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Guadalupe Cantu and Ofelia Cantu of McAllen, Texas.

Paternal grandparents are Mario Burgos and Maria Guadalupe of Edinburg, Texas.

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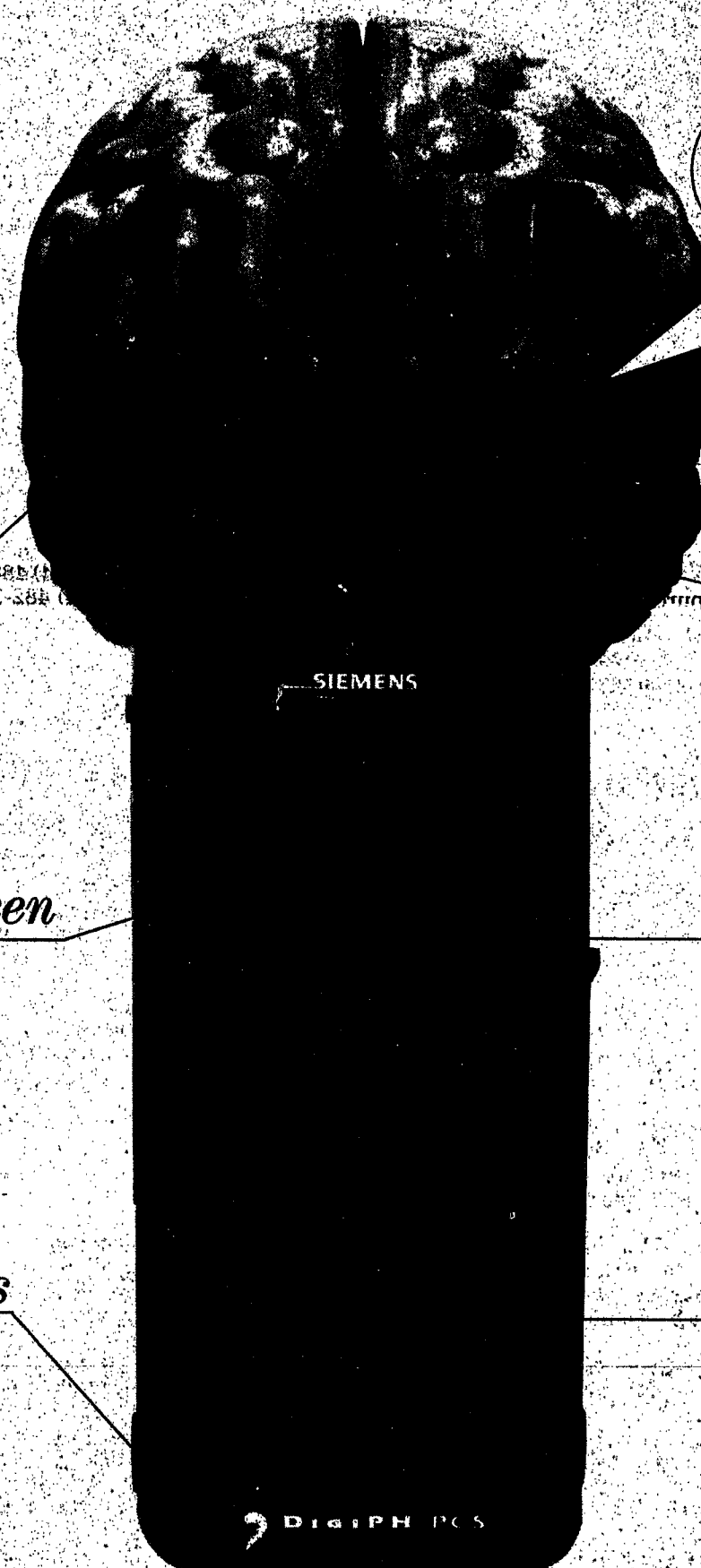
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Spring classes (6 classes) are \$40 for museum members and \$50 for non-members. All summer classes (6 classes) are \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members.

All materials are included in the fee. Students should bring an old shirt or smock to wear. Please pay in advance. Pre-

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MAY SESSION

10 a.m.-12 p.m., ages 5-7

Cracking Art is Not a Mystery
It can be easy and fun, just learn the elements. Students will explore all of the elements that embody any work of art, such as line, shape, texture, value and color.

Investigating the different media of art will be the goal as students uncover new projects with tempera, charcoal, watercolor and pastels.

Tour de Force

1:30-3:30 p.m., ages 8-12
Viewing the history of art and then creating your own in-

dividual art history is the object of this class as students get a whirlwind tour of the museum. Students will get on a visual journey as they investigate different styles of art from French painting to American Pop art to the sculptures of Polynesia.

SUMMER SESSION I

JUNE 15-JULY 5

Birds of a Feather

Mondays and Wednesdays

10 a.m.-noon, ages 5-7

Studying and drawing animals from life of pictures is one way artists perfect their technique. Fur, feather and flesh will be studied as students discover animals from the colonial drawings of Picasso to the awe-inspiring animals of Oceanic and African art.

After learning to draw animals, students will develop sculpting skills to accent their knowledge of drawing.

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10 a.m.-noon, ages 5-7

In the Native American culture, storytelling is the way history is passed on from generation to generation. Stories are told verbally and in the form of painting and drawing on pottery, animal skin and canvas.

In this class students will create colorful and sensational stories and will weave the narratives into their own drawings, paintings and sculptures.

Wind, Earth and Mud

Mondays and Wednesdays

1:30-3:30 p.m., ages 8-12

Wind brings rain, rain waters the earth, earth becomes an artist's palette. The pottery of the Pueblo Indians in the Southwest has become one of the most desired forms of pottery in the world.

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SUMMER SESSION II

JULY 13-30

Put Up Your Paint and Draw!

Mondays and

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10 a.m.-noon, ages 5-7

Put those paint brushes and scissors away, pencils are all you need for this drawing class. In this class students will learn basic drawing techniques that will rival any of the art masters.

The World of Clay

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10 a.m.-noon, ages 5-7

Learn to mold and shape clay as you expand your knowledge of the pottery of the Pueblo Indians in the Southwest. Inspired by NOMA's exhibition "Singing the Clay: Pueblo Pottery of the Southwest Yesterday and Today," students will use hands-on approach to discover the amazing techniques of the Pueblo Potters. Many types of clay will be used.

Water/Watercolor/Color

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1:30-3:30 p.m., ages 8-12

Discover the hundreds of colors found in the wonderful world of watercolor. From the delicate and subtle to the bold and dramatic, all will be applied in this watercolor class. Color theory will also be introduced as students mix colors, shades and tints.

Master Prints and Print Masters

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1:30-3:30 p.m., ages 8-12

The techniques of printing have been around for centuries and where better to reveal the printing techniques than at NOMA. In this class students will find that there is more to art of prints and printmaking than a printing press.

Monoprinting, relief printing as well as spontaneous printing with everyday objects such as potato, a mirror or a sponge will be part of this class.

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Group plans

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The Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce is creating a unique opportunity for anyone who wants to kick off Biloxi's Tricentennial year in the country where it all started—France.

The chamber has made the French cities of La Rochelle, Rochefort and Paris the destination of its annual membership trip and has opened the trip to anyone who wishes to go.

The trip will take place Sept. 1-8 and includes three nights in the Charante Maritime region (La Rochelle and Rochefort) and three nights in Paris.

Travelers will also be invited to participate in a special chamber-hosted reception for the French dignitaries, who acknowledge the important role of Pierre LeMoynes d'Iberville's voyage to the New World and his discovery and reclamation of the valuable region that includes the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Cost of the trip, which is not yet confirmed, will include round-trip airfare, transportation to La Rochelle, Rochefort and Paris and lodging.

Blueberry

Jubilee

The 15th annual Blueberry Jubilee will be Saturday, June 13 in downtown Poplarville, featuring a full day of fun, entertainment, good food, arts and crafts, storytelling, a 5K run, wagon rides to the USDA small fruit research station and down-home Southern hospitality.

Also held in conjunction with the Jubilee both Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13, will be an evening tri-state rodeo at the fairgrounds.

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The festival offers a variety of festivities. "Family Carnival Nights" are Wednesday and Thursday, June 10-11. Special rates will prevail both nights.

Rebel Amusements Midway Carnival will provide rides and fun games for all ages. The carnival closes Sunday evening.

Friday evening will be the Boat Light Parade and a Fireworks Extravaganza on Gre-

nada Lake. More than 150 arts and crafts, retail and food vendors will be on hand Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday begins with a 5K run/2 Mile Walk. The Deep South Racing Association's Drag Boat Races begin at noon both Saturday and Sunday. The Antique Car, Truck and Bike Show with more than 100 entries will be on display all day.

There will be Water Safety Displays provided by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. Country concert entertainers include Sherrie Austin, Lee Roy Parnell and Tracy Lawrence.

A Children's Fishing Rodeo is Sunday afternoon, and blues will be played by Sam Green and Bobby Raul.

Tickets are \$15 for Saturday and \$5 for Sunday if purchased before June 6. Prices rise \$5 afterwards.

Tickets may be purchased by mail order. Mail checks/money orders to: Thunder On Water Festival, P.O. Box 1824, Grenada, MS 38902. Make checks payable to Thunder On Water Festival. Mail orders must be received by June 6.

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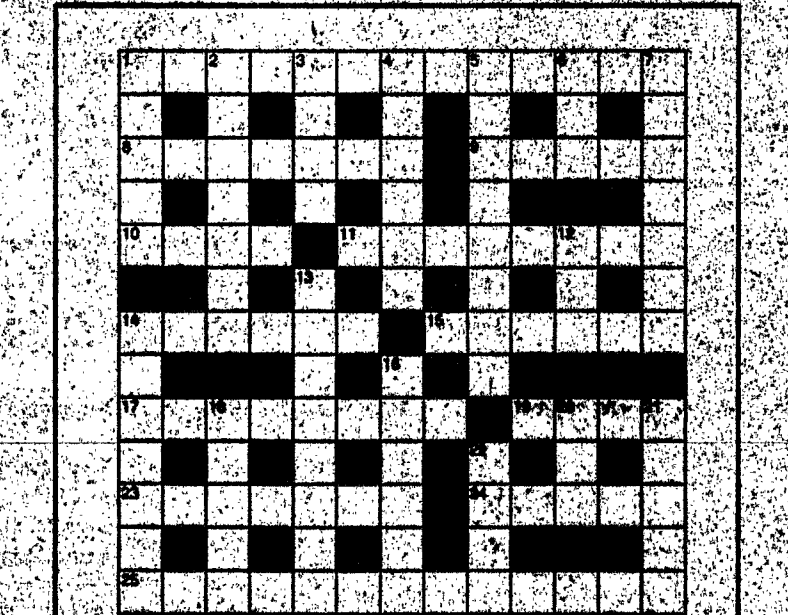
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2. Changes
3. Diversion
10. Jay _____ golfer
11. Legend
14. Terminated
15. Aggressive
17. Clutter or Mumbojy
19. Fashionable
21. Jewelry holder
24. Rhinoceros
25. "Trey" girl

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

1. Graham cracker
2. Awakens
3. Antic
10. Hans
11. Beverage
14. Ceased
15. Gases
17. Cancellation
19. Chic
21. Baroque
24. Ameba
25. Sparkle Plenty

CLUES DOWN

1. Grate
2. Country group
3. Skating figure
4. Exchanged
5. Changed
6. Bag
7. Most lavish
12. Consumed
13. Wrecking move
14. Seals
16. Infatuation
18. Used to raise water
20. Hove (Scottish)
21. Careful
22. Utter a cry

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Grate
2. Abba
3. Axel
4. Canceled
5. Altered
6. Kit
7. Richard
12. Ate
13. Headlock
14. Closes
16. Infatuation
18. Hoist
20. Hoist
21. Chary
22. Call

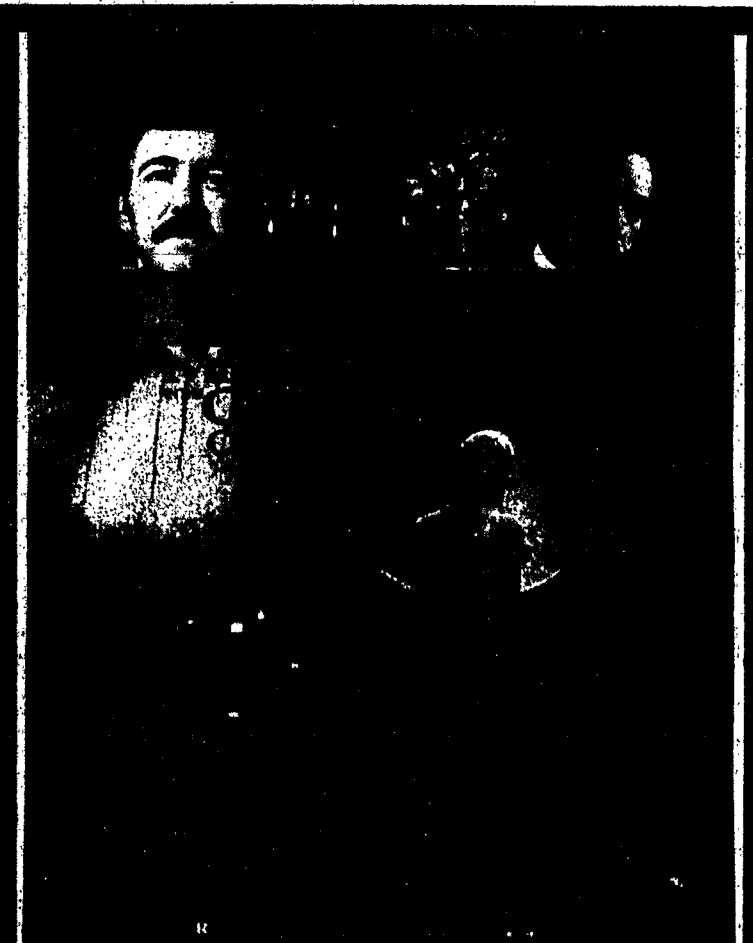
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The 15th annual Blueberry Jubilee will be Saturday, June 13 in downtown Poplarville, featuring a full day of fun, entertainment, good food, arts and crafts, storytelling, a 5K run, wagon rides to the USDA small fruit research station and down-home Southern hospitality.

Also held in conjunction with the Jubilee both Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13, will be an evening tri-state rodeo at the fairgrounds.

Activities on Jubilee day get underway at 7:45 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. Self-contained camper parking is available.

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D'head Hurricane Rafters Association to meet

Raft Master Ray Sheehy has called a meeting of the Diamondhead Hurricane Rafters Association for June 6 in the Diamondhead Ship Store at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be to renew the rafting procedures of the "hurricane hole" and to update the information on the notification list.

All boat owners who have boats in the Diamondhead marina and the canals are encouraged to attend.

Due to the prediction of major

storms this season, because of the cooling of the El Nino currents in the Pacific, plans must be reviewed and tested. The meeting will be followed by a cruise by all Raft-up members June 20.

The cruise will allow members to become familiar with the "hole" and for new captains to become acquainted with the route and procedures to be used in forming a Hurricane Raft-up.

For information, contact Sheehy at 255-6922, or leave name and number at the Ship Store.

American Legion Post and Auxiliary 139

The monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139 in Bay St. Louis was held May 14.

President Jeanette Ladner read a thank-you letter received by the Unit from the wife of a hospitalized veteran at the VA Hospital in Gulfport, thanking the Unit for the "Senior Prom" program held at the hospital.

Letters of appreciation were also read from the Special Olympics Committee for our sponsorship of athletes at Stennis Space Center and the Gulf Coast Women Center for Non-Violence Inc. for the Unit's donation that will send children to summer camp.

Unit 139 will sponsor 10 young ladies to attend Magnolia Girls State that will be conducted on the USM campus in June.

Roslyn Weathers was honored by her fellow Unit members with a lifetime membership. She was also chosen as the Unit's 1998 Community Service Volunteer of the Year. Junior Auxiliary member Helen Bufkin was chosen Junior Community Service Volunteer of the Year.

Nominations were accepted for 1999 Unit officers. The ballot for the Unit's election will read: President: Billie Tudury and Elaine Cowie; First Vice President: Mattie North; Second Vice President: Sandra Garberg and Lucille Boudreaux; Secretary: Lou Wilkerson; Treasurer: Janet Aime; Historian: Beatrice Ladner; Chaplain: Roslyn Weathers, Sergeant-at-Arms: Jacqueline Bufkin; Color Bearers: Retta Cardin and Jane Snouffer; Executive Committee members: Hazel Wohlschlegel, Vickie Staehle and Lynne Shirley.

As immediate past president, Jeanette Ladner will also serve on the executive board. Members Bobby Tomlinson, Marian Foucha and Phyllis Moran will serve as the election committee.

Members conducted a Unit Charter Draping ceremony for two recently deceased members, Inez Bouis and Marjorie Leech.

Janell Necaise, Americanism chairman, announced the winners of the Americanism Essay Awards and Post Contest. Winners include: first place and recipient of a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond each, Micah Baxter, a fifth grader at St. Clare's; and Heath Riddle, a third grader at Waveland Elementary.

Second place, recipients of a \$15 cash award each are Hampton Logan, Waveland Elementary, and Derrick Ladner, St. Clare. Third place and recipients of a \$10 cash award each are Stephanie

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Gardner, Waveland Elementary, and Chris Kim, Christ Episcopal. Poster contest winners were all from North Bay Elementary: first place, \$20 cash, Travis Smith; second place, \$15 cash, Meyer Levy; and third place, \$10 cash, Regina Large.

The Americanism Essay and Poster Contests are held each year by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Each year that passes it becomes more difficult to get the educational systems in our community to cooperate and participate in this program.

We applaud those teachers who have taken the time to encourage their students to participate, the students and parents who still believe in America, who honor and respect our nation's flag and are honored and proud to show their colors by showing their patriotism in our great nation.

For information, contact the American Legion Auxiliary.

Karen Chevis, Junior Auxiliary chairman, announces the winners of the Poppy Poster Contest: first place, and the winner of a \$15 cash award, is Richard Trudell III; second place, winner of \$10, is Helen Bufkin; and third place, winner of \$5, is Lisa Necaise.

The next meeting of Unit 139 will be Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the Legion Club House, Green Meadow Road. Members are urged to attend as this will be the election of 1999 officers.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77

The next meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 will be June 3 at the American Legion Hall on Coleman Avenue in Waveland. Officers for the coming fiscal year will be voted on by the members.

During May, Unit 77 participated in the flag-raising ceremonies at Hancock Medical Center, and Katie Marino distributed poppies at Sav-a-Center. Cub Scouts of Post 77 participated in both events.

Unit 77 also played an important role in the celebration of Memorial Day at the Legion Hall on Coleman Avenue.

President Pat Lepine introduced the Gold Star mothers and sisters, and with Comdr. Wilkinson placed a wreath at the memorial. The memorial prayer was offered by the unit's chaplain, Mary Caillier.

Hancock Women's Club

Members of Hancock Women's Club met May 14 at the Holiday Inn, Waveland. Some 40 members were present. Guests included Mary Becker, Bobby Goodell and Frances Wolf. Rita Lapara will be welcomed as a new member in September. A thank-you note was read from Muriel Zinc.

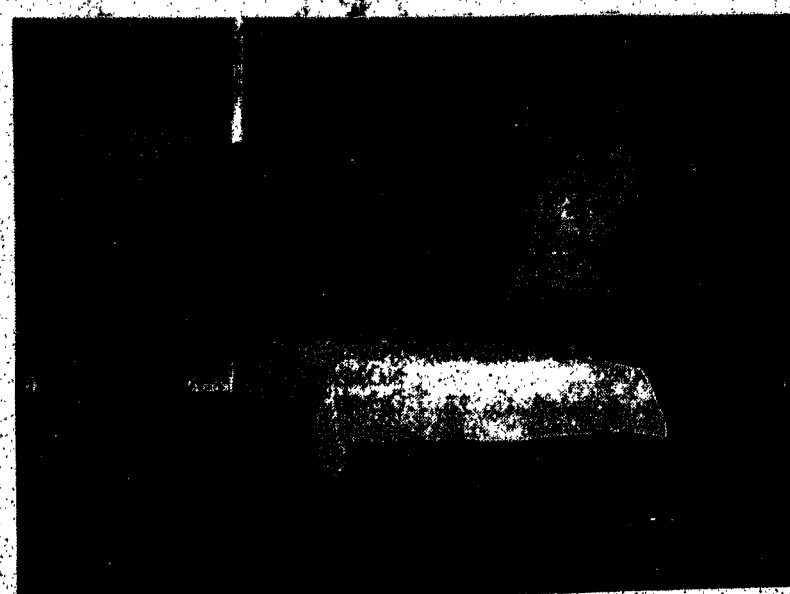
President Niver congratulated the members who exhibited in the art show.

Margie Thompson discussed the November auction. Members voted for a silent auction. Mamie O'Quinn discussed the annual picnic. Tentative date is Sept. 30, place to be announced.

Game Day will be moved to Thursdays. Madonna Boos presented birthday corsages to Dorothy Kingmill, Jean Longo, Harriet Reighter, Lorraine Townsend and Mary Gilmore.

Townsend announced a social event will be held in October. Husbands and guests will be invited.

The members voted to donate \$500 to the Hancock Medical Center to benefit the new hospital addition. A plaque will acknowledge the benefactor. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Dot Zimmerman.



Hancock Women's Club officers

At the March meeting Margorie Thompson, left, inducted officers for the year, including, Billie Jean Niver, president; Lois Cripple, vice president; Natalie Miller, secretary (standing for Mary Gilmore), and Amelia Killen, treasurer.

Quilters to meet in June

When the Mississippi Quilt Association meets in Jackson June 5 and 6, the organization will be celebrating seven years of promoting the art of quilting in the State of Mississippi.

Born from the vision of a small group of women who not only appreciated the rich quilt heritage which Mississippi has enjoyed, but wanted to see that heritage continued, the MQA has grown steadily and now has a membership of some 350 quilters and quilt lovers.

Current MQA President Ella Lucas of Hattiesburg and her educational activities committee have planned a wide range of quilt workshop-classes for the June meeting.

Some 10 classes, including such topics as "Basic Techniques of Hand Piecing," "Tes-

selling Pinwheels," and "Design Creation" will be taught by prominent Mississippi quilters.

Membership in the Quilt Association is open to anyone who has an interest in quilting and is \$10 per year, \$7 for those who are 65 or older.

In addition to the June gathering in Jackson, the organization holds two other statewide gatherings, one in October and one in February; a July workshop featuring a nationally-known teacher, a quilt retreat in September. A newsletter, *The Common Thread*, is published three times per year.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the Mississippi Quilt Association may contact Jere Funk, 2800 19th Avenue #49, Gulfport, MS 39501.

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FICTION

- YOU BELONG TO ME**, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon & Schuster, \$25) A popular radio talk-show host finds herself endangered when she undertakes to expose a killer who targets lonely women on cruise ships. (B)
- "N" IS FOR NOOSE**, by Sue Grafton. (Wood/Holt, \$25) Kinsey Millhone pursues the facts behind the sudden, strange death of a cop in a California town. (B)
- BLACK AND BLUE**, by Anna Quindlen. (Random House, \$23) After her husband turns violent, a woman flees to Florida with her young son to start a new life under a new name. (BWK)
- MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE**, by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner, \$20) After finding a seaborne bottle containing an enigmatic letter, a divorced woman encounters love. (B)
- THE LONG ROAD HOME**, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$25.95) A woman who grew up in a fractured family tries to find the courage to confront the past. (BK)
- THE STREET LAWYER**, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$27.95) A young lawyer comes to terms with himself after discovering his prestigious firm's dirty secret. (BK)
- A PATCHWORK PLANET**, by Anne Tyler. (Knopf, \$24) Estranged from his affluent Baltimore family, a self-destructive, voyeuristic underachiever tries to cope with life and love. (B)
- COLD MOUNTAIN**, by Charles Frasier. (Atlantic Monthly, \$24) A Confederate soldier journeys home toward the end of the Civil War to meet his old love. (B)
- PANDORA**, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$19.95) A 2,000-year-old vampire recounts her experiences, from imperial Rome to 20th-century Paris and New Orleans. (B)
- MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA**, by Arthur Golden. (Knopf, \$25) The life of a young woman growing up in Kyoto who has to reinvent herself after World War II begins. (B)

NON-FICTION

- TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE**, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door. (B)
- WE ARE OUR MOTHERS' DAUGHTERS**, by Cokie Roberts. (Morrow, \$19.95) The television news anchor's personal reflections on women in politics and business and as mothers, wives, sisters and friends. (B)
- THE GIFTS OF THE JEWS**, by Thomas Cahill. (Talese/Doubleday, \$23.50) What Western civilization owes an ancient nomadic tribe. (B)
- ANGELA'S ASHES**, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$24) An Irish-American writer recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick. (BK)
- THE MILLIONAIRE NEXT DOOR**, by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longstreet, \$22) An analysis of the lives of wealthy Americans discloses that they have seven characteristics in common. (B)

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TOPS Coast area winners

Debbie Broadhead of TOPS MS #198 Picayune took top honors with her loss of 34.50 pounds at the May 14 meeting of Coast area TOPS at the Kiln VFW. Second place went to Elaine Spears of #233 Waveland for her loss of 29.25 pounds, and third place went to Susan Felts of #19 Ocean Springs with 26 pounds. Best youth loser of the quarter honors went to Christina Jones of #190 d'Iberville with a loss of 28 pounds, and second place to Amy Felts of #19 Ocean Springs for her loss of 10.25 pounds. Larry Doffing of #294 Latimer was male best loser of the quarter with a loss of 13.25 pounds, and Bob Hatten of #232 Picayune came in second with 6 pounds. Winners in each category were presented certificates. Best chapter average loss went to #213 Pass Christian with an average of 3.42 pounds per member; second was #200 Gautier with 3.40 pounds, and third was #35 Pascagoula with 3.25 pounds for the quarter. Keep Off Pounds Sensibly (KOPS) of the Quarter awards went to Rose Knight, #122 Ocean Springs; Ola Moree, #232 Picayune; Mary Adamo and Mae Walker, #281 Ocean Springs; and Ruth Jenny, #298 Picayune. Each was presented a KOPS Kare Bear and certificate of achievement. The Mississippi field staff consisting of area captains Edwina Newbill, Anna Reece and coordinator Carolyn Kinabrew made up a panel of the workshop discussion on TOPS rules. Some 150 members participated in the meeting to help celebrate TOPS' 50th anniversary internationally. Information about any TOPS meetings on the Coast may be obtained by calling Anna at 875-2783, Edwina at 475-2517 or Carolyn at 388-1916.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 233
TOPS MS #233 Waveland met Tuesday, May 26 at the Waveland Public Library. Best loser for the week was Kathy. The club had a total weight loss of 39 pounds for the week. The Incentive Award was won by Lenny. The prize was won by Rose. The program was presented by Pat for Sarah P. on getting into shape during the summer. The next meeting will be Monday instead of Tuesday. The program will be presented by Ruth. Everyone is asked to bring an extra quarter. On June 9 there will be a clothes auction, June 16 will be the bingo. TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 307
TOPS Chapter MS 307 Waveland met Wednesday, May 27 at the Waveland Public Library. The club welcomed a new member, Jean. Lee Ann was the week's best loser with 10 pounds and was presented a charm. This is the third week of the Exchange Contest. Jenny presented a program on "putting too much food on our plates." TOPS' web address is <http://www.tops.org> log on for loads of info. The weight loss chapter promotes enthusiasm, recognition, understanding and encourages sensible eating habits. Anyone interested is welcome to join. The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 4:45-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and/or maintaining weight loss is welcome to visit the chapter. Call Ruth at 466-9880 for information.

Sarah Gillespie collection opens at William Carey

Sarah Gillespie of Hattiesburg donated an extensive collection of Mississippi artists' works to William Carey College in 1982. A strong supporter of the arts, Miss Gillespie's 242-piece collection includes such Mississippi artists as Marie Hull, Walter Anderson, Lucile Parker, Homer Casteel, William Hollingsworth, Karl Wolfe, Allen Plattman, Bess Dawson and William Dunlap. An interesting and diverse group of these works will be on display in the Lucile Parker Gallery through the summer. Beginning her art collection in 1943, Gillespie has traveled extensively and sought out artists and artworks which have proved to be some of the most outstanding in Mississippi. Most of the artists represented in her collection have received numerous honors and awards and have been widely sought by both private and corporate collections and museums. Not only has Gillespie supported these artists by buying their artworks, most before the artist was well-known or established as a professional artist, but she also became close personal friends with many. The collection is culturally significant to our state, and particularly south Mississippi, as it showcases the extraordinary diversity of Mississippi artists. There are several artists such as Marie Hull and Karl Wolfe whose works Gillespie began collecting quite early in their careers and continued throughout their lives. The development of artistic styles and the range of subject matter and techniques is quite evident in these single artist collections within the whole. The collection is housed in the Sarah E. Gillespie Gallery on the William Carey Gulf Coast Campus. Visitors to the *Selected Works Exhibit* are welcome to call for an appointment, 582-6192. The Lucile Parker Gallery is located in Thomas Hall, William Carey College, Hattiesburg.

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Bishop B. J. Hartman of California will be installed as the church's first Missionary Bishop of the West. He is president and dean of the Leighton House of Anglican Studies based in Mission Viejo, Calif. Bishop Montgomery Griffith-Mair, who is also the 3rd Earl of Eldritch, will receive the honorary degree of doctorate of canon law.

He will then become the first Law Lord or First Judge of the newly-formed independent Anglican Consistory or Church

Court, which will try cases submitted to it concerning errant clergy and disputes of canon law from the worldwide Anglican Continuum.

Archbishop Lenhart will preside at the investiture of Bishop Hartman at 9 a.m. and at the degree conferment of Bishop Griffith-Mair at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the chapel, 401 South Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

The 1662 Anglican Book of Common Prayer will be used. The day's ceremonies will close with the presentation of the Diana, Princess of Wales, Commemorative Plate to the Chapel.

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Coast Episcopal School held its spring art show and reception during the Second Saturday Art Walk at Serenity Gallery, 126 1/2 Main Street, Bay St. Louis. Proceeds from the event benefitted Hope Haven, a temporary shelter for abused or abandoned children in Hancock County. Marisha Pizzolatto, a kindergartener at Coast Episcopal and a fellow dancer, show their artistic talents during the reception.

Commission to publish resource booklet

Teachers, students, historians, genealogists, researchers and others who need help in finding research materials on Biloxi history will soon have to look no further than the Biloxi Library.

In conjunction with Biloxi's 300th anniversary celebration in 1999, the Biloxi Tricentennial Commission is funding the publication of a resource booklet to contain lists of all research materials available in the Biloxi Library.

The lists will be accompanied by general descriptions of the information and items available. Such materials include old photographs, maps, cemetery and birth records, oral histories of long-time Biloxi residents, private collections of memorabilia donated to the library and general collections of resource materials.

"We envision that this booklet will be a valuable tool for anyone needing to find materials relating to Biloxi's history,"

said Zan Skelton, who heads the subcommittee of the Biloxi Tricentennial's education committee, the group responsible for the project.

"The project's funding will come from proceeds of the Tricentennial Commission's first fund raiser, a performance of the University of Paris-Sorbonne Orchestra, which took place last month at Grand Casino Biloxi's Grand Theatre."

Said Bill Raymond chair of the Tricentennial Commission's Arts and Culture Committee, which spearheaded the orchestra's Biloxi performance: "We are grateful to the Grand Casino for its generous contribution to Elizabeth Raley, the casino's Biloxi relations representative, and to everyone who worked so hard to make this fund raiser a success. It's wonderful to see how all their efforts have made possible such a worthwhile project as the education committee's resource booklet."

Sones returns from mission

Elder Ben Sones will be returning home from a full-time two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Sones has been serving in the Tacoma, Washington Mission. He is a 1995 Hancock High School graduate and was preceded in the mission field by his father, who served in Italy; his brother Thomas, who served in Japan; and another brother, Matthew, who served in Belgium.

His family will be hosting a picnic reception for him Saturday afternoon, June 6, at their home in Bayou La Croix.



Elder Ben Sones

His parents, Thomas and Kay Sones, would like to invite all family, friends and acquaintances to celebrate his homecoming.

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SEEKING DEPENDABLE CARING physically able individual to care for our mentally disabled 11 year old in our Diamondhead home. Must have medical care background & be able to work flexible hours. Serious inquiries. Call 255-4325, leave message.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB? Methodist Children's Center is now hiring Substitute Teachers. Call Laura, 467-4297.

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THE CITY OF WAVELAND is currently accepting applications for the Public Works Department. Interested applicants can pick up an application at Waveland City Hall. The City of Waveland is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TIRETOWN - Experienced tire mechanic. Apply in person, 342 Hwy 90, Waveland. 467-0055.

WANTED: Baby sitter for kids age 0-3. Sundays only, 6:45-11:15 am, Diamondhead Community Church. 255-5558.

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81 Appliances

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82 Antiques, Collectibles

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83 Items For Sale

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126 Campers/Motorhomes

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128 Boats & Motors

18 FT. BOAT TRAILER, \$200. 467-2357.

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138 Trucks, Vans

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Residential selection

The Diamondhead Garden Club has selected the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Engelmann, 8444 Kiko Street, Diamondhead as the May Residential Garden of the Month.



Commercial Selection

The Diamondhead Garden Club has selected the offices of James Dollar & Co. Design & Construction, 7852 Analie Street, Diamondhead as the May Commercial Garden of the Month.



Golf Course Garden

The Diamondhead Garden Club has selected the Marcella Marshall home at 69926 Hilo Way, #5 Pine, Diamondhead as the May Golf Course Garden of the Month.



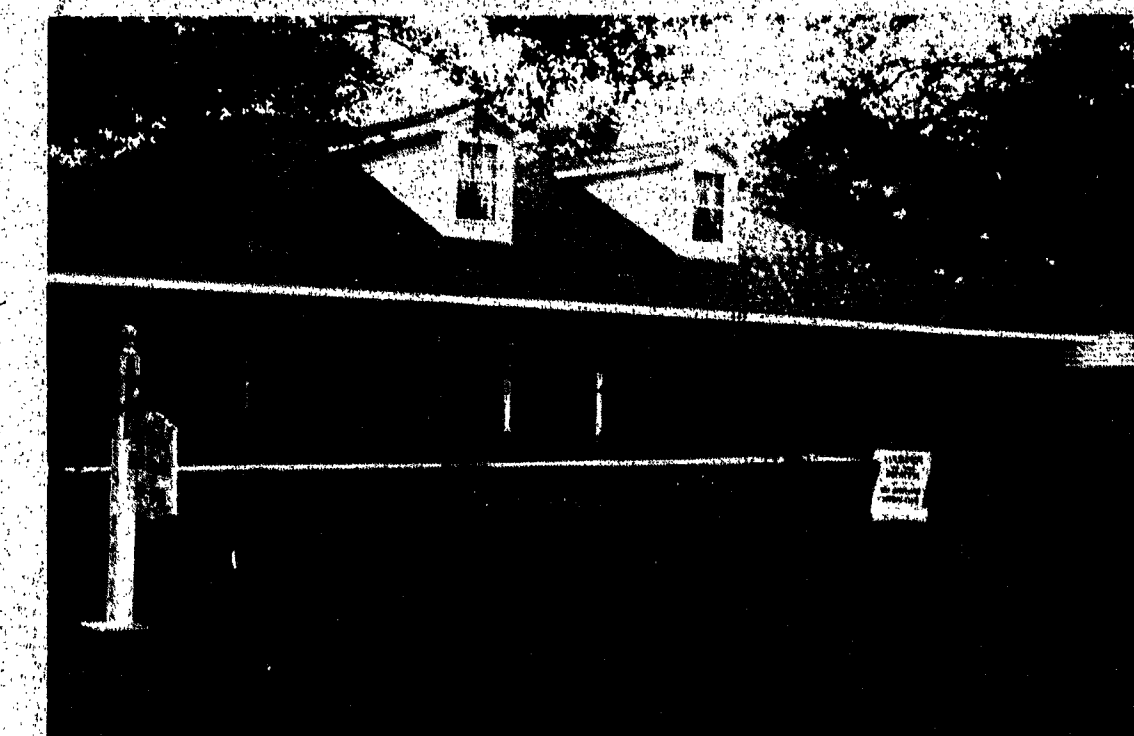
Commercial Garden

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club has selected Katie's Garden at Christ Episcopal Elementary School in Bay St. Louis as the May Commercial Garden of the Month.



Waveland Selection

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club has selected the Helen Carter home at 417 Wainwright, Waveland as the May Garden of the Month.



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Bus drivers beginning salary is \$5049.35. Bus drivers work 180 days (91/2 months) each school year. Hours are 6:15 a.m.-7:30 a.m. each morning and 2:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m. each afternoon.

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Message from the President

BY JON E. RITTEN
Chamber President

Since 1925, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and its predecessor, the Bay St. Louis Chamber, has been promoting the economic, civic and social welfare of our county. The Chamber has focused its efforts in numerous areas with an emphasis on economic development.

Hancock County has been blessed with many natural assets and has attracted many large and small businesses because of the business climate that exists here.

However, as the world seems to be getting smaller and much more competitive, we are discovering that attracting the new business, and keeping the existing businesses that will benefit all of us, is becoming more difficult. Lifestyle and quality of life are not at the top of everyone's list.

The Chamber is answering these demands by tackling difficult problems that hinder our growth. Our Education Committee has been active in our support of the school bond issues that passed last year and continues our quest for even better schools and curriculum. Aside from our responsibility to educate our own children, new businesses and residents insist on quality education.

The Chamber is at the forefront of the wastewater management issue. Our Environmental Committee has formulated a most impressive strategic plan for the establishment of sewerage south of Interstate 10. Fouled and polluted streams and waterways certainly do not benefit the people that live here and are a huge negative to industry that is looking to locate here.

The Chamber, through its Beautification Committee, is exploring the possibility of a Parkway Commission that would allow us through legislation to clean up and dress up our gateway roads.

The Chamber economic development committee is compiling statistics on our concerning our embedded base of large industries and small businesses. We can never take for granted what we have. We must also be prepared to demonstrate our good we are.

The Chamber took the lead in forming Partners for Stennis. Partners was originally formed during the BRAC Committee hearings in Congress as a defense team to protect our military establishments at Stennis Space Center. However, it has evolved into a proactive group that assists the various agencies in promoting further expansion of Stennis Space Center.

The Chamber Members Services Committee has a variety of activities that are geared to help the business community to be more effective and profitable. Partners, Business After Hours, a merchant trade shows, new business welcome packets, membership surveys and an improved ambassador program are just some of their endeavors.

The Chamber Leadership Program has just graduated its second class. The graduates, as well as last year's class, are the basis for programs and leadership that will be the result of the other activities happen.

What is often asked question is, "What does the Chamber do?" The answer is, "The Chamber does what it takes to help small business or manage a huge plant, the Chamber does it all."

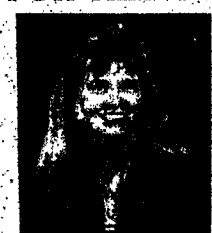
There is a "come here" or a "come here," there is an opportunity to join the Chamber's programs, or to use any of the Chamber's services. The Chamber is not just to have so many who are not members.

The Board of Directors of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is looking for a member or one considering membership. We want to make our home a better place to live, work and enjoy.



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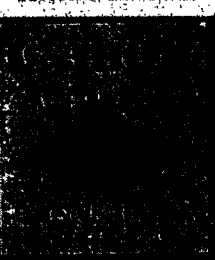


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History of the Chamber

BY MARY G. SEILEY

At age 73, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce has a strong track record and plenty of momentum to achieve its various ambitious goals.

Its 322 members are, in effect, the business arm of action for the county, frequently working with other organizations and public officials on projects and addressing issues of concern to the area.

The Chamber originated locally as the Bay St. Louis Chamber of Commerce in 1925, and was renamed the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 9, 1945, broadening its reach to all the community and cities within the county.

It is governed by a 19-member board of directors, 15 of whom are elected by the general membership for alternating three-year terms. Four directors are appointed to the board annually by the president. The Chamber also is served by an executive committee. Every Chamber operates under bylaws and a procedures manual.

Major programs of the Chamber are conceived and set into motion by members serving on any of several committees, including: leadership development, youth mentors, member services, education, environment, economic development and beautification.

And while the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau is not a committee of the Chamber of Commerce — it's a separate entity — the two organizations work closely together in promoting the community. Tourism is a very large, and growing, industry in Hancock County, so the two organizations work together on such initiatives as front-line employee training, promotion and marketing, and hosting tours of the area.

On a daily basis, the Chamber's operations are maintained by a professional staff, whose duties include: coordination of the volunteer efforts of the membership.

As the "front door" of the community, the Chamber's staff functions including welcoming newcomers, visitors and others making inquiry about the community.

It also maintains a library of directories, statistics, surveys, maps and lists of community functions and events, for use by its members and others.

The data is compiled through personal interviews, and correspondence.

Cindy Veron serves as executive director of the Chamber, and Janell Moore is the administrative assistant.

The operations of the Chamber are financed on a voluntary basis by its members, including men and women involved in business, industry and professions throughout the county.

As a group, the Chamber provides a unified voice for businesses, letting an individual business voice be more effective in expressing concerns and ideas that

will be listened to in the community and officials at all levels of government.

And, the Chamber strives to make positive changes that will help Hancock County grow, while building a strong foundation for the future.

Individuals, of course, don't always have the time or resources to take on all the issues that affect life in Hancock County, such as developing jobs, improving the climate for retail, industrial, agriculture, tourism and business, education, and promoting crime prevention efforts.

Chamber officials say one of the strongest benefits of their organization is its daily work on those kinds of issues, to insure the economic health of the county.

Hancock Chamber past presidents

1998	Jon E. Ritten	1966	Wilson Wehre
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1996	Scott B. Lemon	1964	Joe Marochino
1995	Ellis C. Cuevas	1963	Powell Glass
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1993	John Mason	1961	Ray Gordon
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1988	Rick Eagan	1956	C. C. McDonald Jr.
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1985	John Mason	1953	Lambert Boyd
1984	Patricia Mauffray-Harvill	1952	Octave Delph
1983	L. J. Breaux	1951	A. H. Gregory
1982	L. J. Breaux	1950	Howard Le Tesser
1981	Dick Koabab	1949	Hardin Shattuck
1980	Wayne Ducomb Jr.	1948	T. T. Robin
1979	Dick Thomas	1947	Howard W. Le Tesser
1978	Dick Thomas	1946	N/A
1977	P. D. "Sonny" Bailey	1945	Al E. Voight
1976	Anita Lamb	1944	Al E. Voight
1975	Perry F. Gibson	1943/1934	—
1974	Nicholas M. Haas	1933	Charles G. Moreau
1973	E. J. Marengo	1932	N/A
1972	Perry F. Gibson	1931	Charles G. Moreau
1971	Russell Chapman	1930	George R. Rea
1970	Ruble Griffin	1929	George R. Rea
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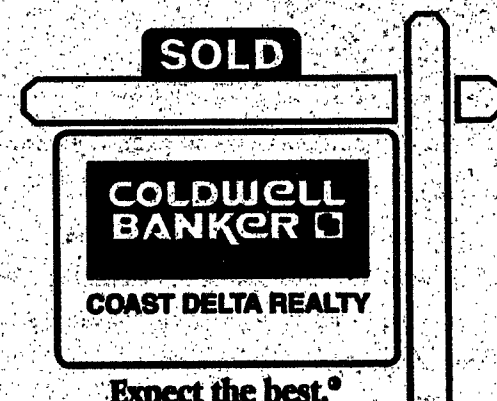
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President Jon E. Ritten,
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Married for 33 years, Ritten is the president of Coldwell Banker/Coast Delta Realty of Diamondhead, Jon E. Ritten & Co., a sales and marketing consulting firm, and Rex Land, Inc., a land development and property management business.

Ritten has been involved in a wide range of civic and community organizations, having served as president of both the Diamondhead Business & Professional Assn. and the Diamondhead Rotary Club.

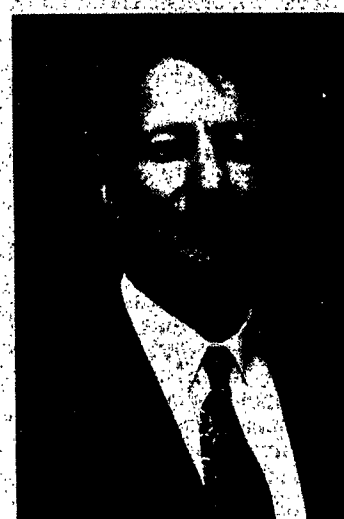
He is currently an executive board member of Partners for Stennis and is also a board member for Boys Town of New Orleans. He and his wife Susan have four children and a grandchild.



Vice President Terese T. "Teri" Wyly, partner in the Law Firm Eaton & Cottrell, P.A.

Married to Jim Wyly, also an attorney, she is a recent graduate of Leadership Hancock County, a '90 graduate of Leadership Gulf Coast, served as president of the Harrison County Bar Association in 1991, was co-chair of United Way Hancock County in 1997 and is currently an at-large director of the Mississippi Wildlife Federation, having served since 1993.

Wyly is chairman on two committees of the Chamber: Economic Development — Business & Economic Development — Industrial, as well as being actively involved with the Environmental Committee of the Chamber. She and her husband have three children.



Treasurer Charley E. "Dusty" Rhodes, Whitney National Bank

Married for nearly 30 years, Rhodes has been in banking since 1969, having joined Merchants Bank & Trust, which was bought out by Whitney National in April of 1997.

Rhodes is a vice-president with Whitney. He is actively involved in several community organizations, such as Bay St. Louis Rotary club, where he is a past president and a Paul Harris Fellow, serves on the executive committee of the Progression Board for St. Stanislaus, and is treasurer for the Board of Trustees of Hancock Medical Center.

He and his wife Mimi have three children and two grandchildren.



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Executive Committee Member James A. "Jay" Lagase, BellSouth

Married to the former Jo Ann Witter, Lagase has been with BellSouth for over 25 years as an area technician. He is a member of the Mississippi National Guard for 23 years.

Lagase has been active in the community for many years and is a member of the

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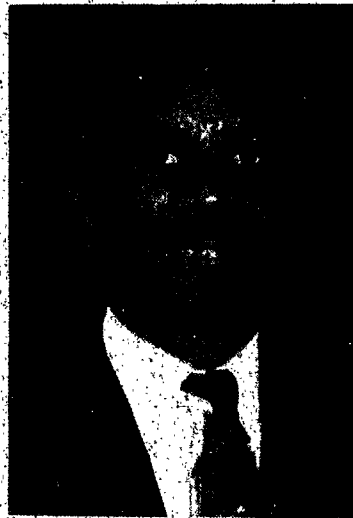
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cock County Chapter of March and Dimes, president of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Bell South Telephone Pioneers, president of Kiwanis Club, a member of the Waveland Civic Association for 34 years, where he has served as president, vice-president and '86 grand marshal of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations and serves on Pearl River Community College Foundation Board.

Lagasse received the Community Achievement Award from the City of Bay St. Louis and the Hancock Chamber's Community Service Award for bringing the Telephone Pioneers' Family Chapter International Rally to Hancock County.

He has been involved in a number of activities of the Chamber, including coordinating the Hancock County Red Ribbon Christmas Parade for over 12 years. He and Jo Ann have two children.



Executive Committee Member Raymies McMillon, Mississippi Power Company
McMillon is the area manager for the Bay St. Louis-Pass Christian offices. He is a board member of United Way of South Mississippi, where he is vice-president of Agency Relations as well as a member of the Hancock County United Way Area Operating Committee.

president-elect of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club and served as chairman of the Chamber's Membership Services Committee.

McMillon has two daughters and a granddaughter.

BOARD MEMBERS:
Suzy Beatrice, Alcan Cable

Beatrice is employee relations manager for Alcan and has held leadership positions with United Way in the Northeast Ohio area as well as South Mississippi, serving as campaign co-chair, Citizen Review process chair and Area Operating Committee director. She also serves on the Gulf Coast Private Industry Council.

Brehm Bell, Attorney
Married, Bell is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and currently serves as vice-president of the Hancock County Historical Society and the Kiwanis Club of Hancock County. He is in private practice in Bay St. Louis. Brehm and his wife Jenny have three sons.

Frank L. Conaway Jr., DMD

Married, Dr. Conaway is involved in a number of activities throughout the community. He has been a member of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club since 1992, where he has served as International Services Committee and is past president.

He is a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church and serves as chairman of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and is a member of the Administrative Board and Finance Committee.

Conaway is a 1997 graduate of Leadership Hancock County. He is a past president of the Chamber and is currently chairman of the Steering Committee for the 1998 program of Leadership Hancock County. He opened his general dental practice in Bay St. Louis in

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Chamber directors

Director and officers of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce include front row from left, Dusty Rhodes, treasurer; Jay Lagasse, executive committee; Raymos McMillon, executive committee; Teri Wyly, vice-president; Jon E. Ritten, president; middle row, Scott Lemon; Brehm Bell; Dr. Frank Conaway, past-president; Bill Lady; Amy Corr; Janet McQueen; Hal Walters; back row, Ellis C. Cuevas; Melissa Niolet, student director; Mike Reso; Kelvin Estrade, student director; Amy Cuevas, student director; and Jessica Peace, student director. Not pictured are directors Herb Dubuison; Anne Mann; Patrick Wild; Harry Wilson; Susie Beatrice and student director Elanor Bernades.

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1990. He and his wife Pauline have three children.

Amy M. Corr, Hancock Bank

Married for 12 years, Corr has been with Hancock Bank since 1985, working her way up from teller to loan officer. She is actively involved in Diamond-head Business & Professional Association, the Chamber Member Services Committee, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, Girl Scouts of America, Bay Catholic PTO and is secretary of both the Exchange Club of Hancock County and the Area Operating Committee of the United Way of South Mississippi. Corr and her husband Kerry have two children.

Ellis C. Cuevas, The Sea Coast Echo

Married, Cuevas has devoted a great deal to the community. He has served on the Chamber's board for more than 20 years and is a past president and current chairman of the Chamber's Beautification Committee.

He is president of the Foundation Board of Hancock Medical Center, Hancock County Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Emily de Montuixin Scholarship Fund, and vice-chairman of the Hancock County Solid Beach Advisory Committee.

Cuevas is a past president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, as well as United Way of Hancock County, and was on the steering committee for the formation of United Way of South Mississippi where he also served as a director.

He was the recipient of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 1997 and is a recent graduate of Leadership Hancock County.

Cuevas is a wife and pu-

blisher of The Sea Coast Echo. He and his wife Jane reside in Bay St. Louis.

Herb Dubuison, ERA Bayshore Realty

Married, Herb has served three separate terms on the Chamber Board, having served in the past as vice-president, president and member of the Executive Committee. He has been involved in a number of committees over the years, including the drive to four-lane Hwy. 603, and is currently a member of the Economic Development — Industrial Committee.

Dubuison is a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and a member of the choir there, as well as a member of the Bay St. Louis Masonic Lodge, Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, and is a past president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

A member of the National and State Association of Realtors, he is a past president of the Gulf Coast Assn. of Realtors, current treasurer and board member of the Gulf Coast Multiple Listing Services and was awarded the 1997 Gulf Coast Realtor of the Year.

Dubuison is the founder and broker/owner of ERA Bayshore Realty. He and his wife Patsy have one son.

William R. "Bill" Lady, Holiday Inn of Waveland

Lady has been instrumental in the advancement of the tourism industry, not only in Hancock County, but throughout the entire state of Mississippi. Having begun his career in the hospitality field in 1976, Lady is currently a member of the Gulf Coast Hotel and Motel Association, where he served as president in 1992-93, received the Distinguished Service to Tourism Award in 1997 and is also a member of the State Hotel and

Motel Association, having served as president in 1993 and 1994 and was Manager of the Year in 1997.

He is a founding member and president of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, where he is the Chamber's appointed representative.

Lady presently sits on the Matching Grants Committee for the State of Mississippi, as well as on the board for both Cruisin' the Coast and the State Hotel and Motel Association, and also serves on the advisory board for Coast Magazine. He is president of Holiday Inn Waveland.

Scott B. Lemon, Calgon Carbon Corporation

Married for 10 years, Lemon is an active member of the Main Street United Methodist Church in which he serves as trustee, stewardship chairman and youth coordinator.

He has served on the board for the Chamber since 1993 and was president in 1996. He was instrumental in the initiation of Leadership Hancock County and was a graduate of the initial class in 1997.

Lemon is presently active on the Chamber's Economic Development — Industrial Committee, and believes that through the Chamber there is an opportunity for community leaders to work together to develop and accomplish a common vision for Hancock County.

Lemon is operations coordinator at Calgon and enjoys coaching softball and taking naps on the weekends. He and his wife Barbara have three daughters.

John E. McQueen, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce

Married, McQueen is director of marketing and development. She is a member of the

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Rotary Club of Diamondhead, the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Public Relations Association of Mississippi, Christmas in April Committee, Republican Women's Club and serves on the Public Relations Committee at St. Stanislaus.

She has served on the board of the American Cancer Society and for several years co-chaired the annual Red Beans and Rice Cookoff benefiting that organization. She is a life member of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries and former member of the Gulf Coast Private Industry Council. She and her husband have two children.

Michael J. Reso, St. Stanislaus College Prep

Fairly new to the community, Reso is the director of finance at St. Stanislaus, where he also serves as assistant prefect, Key Club assistant moderator and Camp Stanislaus counselor. This is his first term on the board for the Hancock Chamber.

Hal W. Walters, Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission

Married, Walters has served as the director of the Port and Harbor Commission since 1994. Prior to coming to Hancock County, Walters had worked in economic development with the State of Mississippi in various capacities since 1984.

He serves as a board member for Mississippi Enterprise for technology at Stennis Space Center, is on the Advisory Council for USM Gulf Coast, and is a member of Partners for Stennis, Mississippi Economic Development Council, Southern Economic Development Council and the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club.

He is a recent graduate of Leadership, Hancock County and serves on both the Environmental Committee and Economic Development - Industrial Committee of the Chamber. He and his wife Laurie reside in Bay St. Louis.

Patrick Wild, Peoples Bank

Wild has been in the banking industry since 1984, starting as a loan officer with Gulf National and working up to assistant vice-president/branch manager for the Diamondhead Branch of Peoples Bank.

He is a past president of both the Diamondhead Rotary Club and Diamondhead Business and Professional Association, and currently serves as treasurer for DBPA.

Wild is on the board for the American Cancer Society and Pass Christian Isles Golf Club.

Harry E. Wilson, Waldemar E. Nelson and Company
Married for 50 years, Wilson is a civil engineer. He served as a commissioner with the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission from 1990-1993 and has been a member of the Chamber board since 1995. Wilson and his wife Patsy have two children.

Anne Mann, The Kid Company

Mann has been a resident of Bay St. Louis for 22 years. She attended the University of Southern Mississippi for four years studying anthropology.

She has been married to Cyril Baxter Mann Jr. since 1989 and is the mother of two daughters, Delery and Iris. They are members of Christ Episcopal Church.

Mann started with The Kid Company in May 1985 and managed the shop until December 1993. She became owner in January 1994.

Mann is on the board of the Beautification Committee.

Eleanor Bernadas, Episcopal High School

Bernadas is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ron Bernadas of Pass Christian. She is a junior and serves as treasurer of SADD, is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She enjoys art and music.

Mary Marie Cuevas, student director, Hancock High School

Cuevas believes that involvement in school, community and church is highly important and beneficial to the development of a person. She is active in many activities from Christian Youth Organization to Student Council and has been selected as student body president, secretary of both the National Arts Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta and president of the CYO.

She plans to major in polymer science and hopes to attend medical school. She states that through her involvement with the Chamber board, she has been able to see that there are opportunities that allow a person to share their leadership and determination with others in order to aide the community.

Kevin D. Estrade, student director, Stanislaus College Prep

Estrade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Estrade of Bay St. Louis. He is a junior and has been involved with football and basketball. Estrade is employed

at Jitney Jungle Food Center. He comes from a long line of Stanislaus men — nine to be exact. He is an avid bowler and enjoys restoring antique cars.

Melissa Niolet, student director, Our Lady Academy

Niolet is involved in various activities with both her church and school. She is a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, in Pass Christian, where she is commentator and lector.

She is active with SADD, Crescent Athletic Club, WOLA News and Prayer Team and the OLA Golf Team.

She served as student athletic trainer for the softball and soccer teams at OLA as well as the football team at St. Stanislaus.

She is interested in computer science and sports management at the University of Mississippi. She also enjoys doing service at Dunbar Village in Bay St. Louis.

Jessica Pearce, student director, Bay High School

Pearce is the daughter of Woody and Belinda Pearce. A junior, she is a member of the basketball and track teams and serves as president of her class.

Pearce is a member of the National Honor Society, Interact, Student Council, Natural Helpers, Spanish Club and SADD.

She is Miss Poppy for the American Legion Post 77 and is a member of the First Baptist Church, where she serves as youth council member.

STAFF

Janell Moore, administrative assistant

Married for 10 years, Moore has been with the Chamber for more than two years, handling the day-to-day operations of the Chamber office. She is responsible for the secretarial/bookkeeping/clerical duties for the Chamber and assists with various special activities and the committees.

She is actively involved with Flat Top Community Baptist church, where she served as treasurer for three years and taught Sunday School for two years.

She and her husband Ron have four children and are expecting two grandchildren any day.

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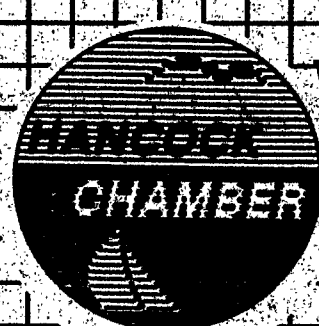
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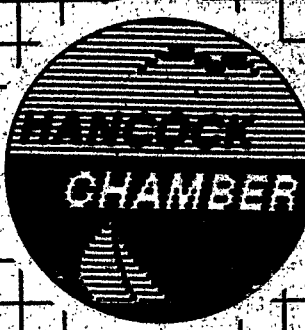


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Chamber develops leaders

BY MARY G. SEILEY

What makes a leader? A Chamber of Commerce committee is at work to develop a new crop of them in Hancock County each year.

"Currently our class of about 25 people are being trained in all aspects of county functions," says the Leadership Committee chairman, Dr. Frank L. Conaway Jr. "So when they graduate, they can contribute to the community."

This is the second year for Leadership Hancock County, an eight-month program of training civic-minded citizens who, hopefully, will go on to provide constructive leadership in Hancock County.

Conaway himself is a graduate, and extolls the program's benefits, not just in shaping future leaders but also in providing a network opportunity for the class members.

Under the chamber's guidelines, participants are selected without regard to age, race, sex, economic standing, geographic residence or length of residence in the county. The participants are seen as well respected in the community, and have the potential and desire to provide constructive leadership as the county moves into the new millennium.

Graduates are expected to be doers in the community, tackling problems. Leadership Hancock County is described by the chamber as "a concerted educational effort to develop leaders who are informed, motivated, and committed to working toward improving the quality of life for all."

This program provides our community with a network of current and emerging leaders who possess the skills and the sense of commitment necessary to make Hancock County the best that it can be.

Participants attend two full day retreats, and a series of other sessions over an eight-month period.

Experts from an array of fields are in charge of the sessions, including education, environment, law and justice, government, health care, economic development, industry and business. Hopefully, participants come away with a heightened awareness of the county itself, and a drive to use their own abilities to lead the county forward.

Conaway's committee acts as an advisory board, taking up issues and coordinating the program.

The participants are brought into a group to solve problems in the community and to be able to use their own strength and resources to address area concerns.

Creating a continuing flow of strong, active, community-committed citizens is perhaps the most important aspect of Leadership Hancock County, according to Chamber officials.

developed by the program will be constantly expanded by the graduates as they continue on to higher levels of leadership, thus providing Hancock County with a base of informed, trained and dedicated citizens and the means to truly be the best place to live, work and play.

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1. Because I have a business stake in this community which can best be safeguarded by working with others through the Chamber of Commerce to protect and advance all business. I help insure this community's progress, which in turn insures the success of my business. It is only fair for me to support the Chamber since I reap benefits through the concerted planning, counsel and action that is best obtained through the work of the Chamber of Commerce.

2. Because my support is "plowed-back" to yield many-fold benefits in new industries, increased payrolls, health, safety, legislation, business protection and community advancement.

3. Because I believe that if I help my community through active participation in the work of the Chamber of Commerce, I will develop my own business skills and broaden my own horizons.

4. Because through the Chamber of Commerce I can best discharge my obligations to this community in which I live and earn my living. I realize that every citizen owes a debt to the community that cannot be paid in taxes — a debt of personal service.

5. Because the Chamber of Commerce cannot carry out its broad program of work to protect and advance business without personal service and adequate financial support.

6. Because the Chamber of Commerce unified the efforts of my community and directs it into useful and constructive channels.

7. Because the Chamber of Commerce helps me to express sound opinions on questions affecting the interests of my community.

8. Because without a strong, effective Chamber of Commerce, my community would be less able to compete for new industries and new payrolls.

9. Because I believe it essential to progress with a strong organization sternly watching community welfare and development, I believe the Chamber of Commerce is the best organization adequately equipped to do the job.

10. Because the most effective and economical way to improve the force of organized business functioning through the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of improving the community's welfare. We can, through organized effort, make this the best community we determine it shall be.

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Environmental committee tackling county's wastewater problems

BY MARY G. SEILEY

One of the Chamber's most visible committees is tackling a major environmental issue that impacts the future growth potential of Hancock County.

"As you bring more industry into the community, you need to have places for people to settle," says Ronald Magee, Environmental Committee chairman.

The committee's concern is that a lack of sewerage facilities in the county not only is an environmental problem, but it's also standing in the way of property sales and construction in some areas.

Decades of improper disposal of wastewater, generated by malfunctioning septic tanks and outright discharges of untreated sewage into ditches and bayous, have state and county officials alarmed over potential health problems.

"It's very serious," said Magee, who also is NASA's Environmental Affairs Officer at Stennis Space Center. His committee has been working for months to define the extent of the problem and initiate efforts to correct it.

The Chamber's decision to become involved in the matter, he said, really stemmed from issue discussions during the first Leadership Hancock County class in 1997. "The executive committee of the Chamber started seeing a need to have environmental issues addressed," said Magee, saying there was a lack of a strong county-level effort to focus on environmental problems.

Accepting the position of chairman, Magee pulled together a diverse membership that went on to complete a study of the southern part of Hancock County, identifying places that need to have sewer lines in place. The study prioritized the needs on environmental considerations and the probable economic feasibility of sewerage construction projects. And the committee's work reflected a grassroots interest in addressing the mounting problem.

Over the past several months, several significant developments have occurred. The county Board of Supervisors adopted a sewerage ordinance, requiring all new construction to have sewerage facilities. The county also has been working on a sewerage master plan. Magee said the county will be able to serve more than 6,000 people, said Magee.

Magee said the study has helped justify the quest for sewer grants, and a similar study may be drafted for northern Hancock County. Jackson and

Harrison counties want to duplicate the effort that the Chamber committee initiated.

Still, there's a race against time to consider in the case of Hancock County, said Magee. With increased development, particularly at Port Bienville and Stennis Space Center, the properties that have acceptable sewer facilities are rapidly filling up. Some residents are complaining to the Board of Supervisors that they aren't getting the Health Department's full cooperation in seeking interim sewer treatment solutions.

Magee and his committee, however, have made repeated trips to the Board of Supervisors, urging them to withstand the public heat while the press is on to provide viable sewerage in the county.

But sewerage isn't the only environmental issue on Magee's committee agenda.

The committee is lining up a seminar for next month to acquaint business and industry on recycling opportunities. The seminar will include information

from the Mississippi Technical Assistance Program, a statewide recycling coordination group, and a computer down link from the Environmental Protection Agency on the various success stories on commercial recycling.

The committee also has offered its members assistance to the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority, in its quest for additional landfill space. And the committee has held meetings with parties interested in establishing a wetlands mitigation bank in Hancock County. Magee said the committee also has identified companies which can help landowners determine if their properties are, indeed, protected wetlands.

Another thrust of the committee has been in the field of risk management planning, as required under the federal Clean Air Act. The group has held meetings with various companies in the county and state and federal emergency planning agencies, to help plan contingencies in the event of a major chemical pollution release in the county.

Area teenagers serve as student directors

BY MARY G. SEILEY

When the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's board of directors sits down for monthly meetings, there are some extremely youthful faces at the table. Teenagers!!

Five students currently serve as student directors, under a program that's designed to give youth an opportunity to see what the Chamber is all about.

And the program gives the students a chance to have input on issues facing the area.

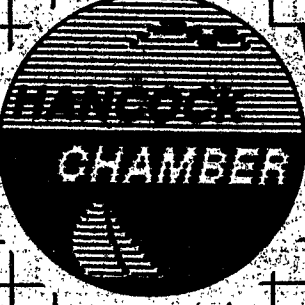
Each of the students are expected to join a working committee of the Chamber and to participate in various Chamber functions throughout the year, such as the Annual Christmas Parade, Red Ribbon Christmas, Beach Highway cleanup and the Board Election.

And each student director is given a stipend of \$100 a month for their services to the Chamber.


board each month. An adult board member is assigned to each student director, to keep in touch about the various activities underway, and/or issues that are facing the Chamber and the community.

Quarterly socials also are planned by the Chamber office to get all of the mentors and students together in a casual environment to help with the process. These activities are under the umbrella of the Chamber's Youth Mentors Committee, chaired by Jay Lagarde.

Student directors for the current year include: Jessica Pearce, Bay High School; Eleonora Bernades, Coast Episcopal High School; Amy Cuevas, Hancock High School; Melissa Niolet, Our Lady Academy; Kevin Estrade, St. Stanislaus.




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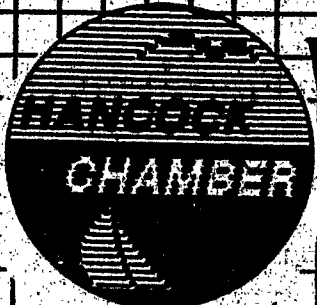
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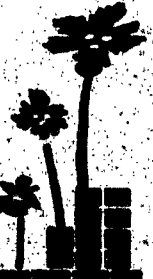
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Economic development committee seeks input from area businesses

BY MARY G. SEILEY

The words "committee" and "statistics" might have a dull ring to them, but the Chamber's Economic Development Committee stands as dazzling proof to the contrary.

Led by Teri Wyly, the group of about 30 members is gearing up to launch two projects that promise a major uplift in economic development capability for area leaders.

In one effort, volunteers from the committee will visit every industry and business in Hancock County to gather information on the existing atmosphere here.

Questions will be shaped to determine how owners and managers of the commercial sector view labor availability, the market for their goods and services, what problems are inherent in operating here, and what are the best things about this location.

In all, it's four pages of questions aimed at learning how existing business and industry leaders view Hancock County.

Industrial sector committee members will be assigned to talk to their industrial counterparts, while businessmen will be dispatched to survey their fellow merchants.

And the data collection will include important information from Stennis Space Center, with its vast pool of resources that can be used to entice economic development throughout the county. For instance, business or industrial prospects should be impressed with the large number of doctorate degree personnel at Stennis, and thus in the area community.

Stennis also represents a tremendous availability of technology, such as remote sensing, not present in many areas.

Wyly said the information from throughout the county will be gathered only once the committee volunteers have been through a training session, conducted by economic development personnel at Mississippi Power Company. That training is slated for July.

Once the surveys are complete, Dr. Charles Campbell, an economic development expert from Mississippi State University, has volunteered to analyze the survey data and help the committee from conclusions from it.

Then, Wyly said an attractive pamphlet will be published, serving as a key tool for Chamber leaders and Harbor Commission efforts to sell Hancock County's virtues. The whole process is expected to be complete by January 1999.

That's ONE job. And Wyly has other committee projects planned. The other task project is the Hopper with information of a Business Red Carpet Team with members serving customers like a specialized speakers bureau.

The team will have volunteers — also trained by Mississippi Power Co. — who will be available to help deal with prospective

business and industry officials. If the Port and Harbor's executive director, Hal Walters, were to need a person very knowledgeable in area housing availability, for instance, he would have a Chamber committee volunteer willing to meet with the prospect and talk specifics.

The same might be the case if officials needed up-to-date information in such areas as local medical care, education, or transportation. — Wyly's committee members will be trained in communicating effectively with prospects.

For the most part, the volunteers will be on a business resource list maintained by the Chamber's executive director, Cindy Vernon, or an industrial list maintained by the Port and Harbor's Walters.

Walters used area leaders' talents to some extent in the massive recruiting effort that lured Wellman Industries to Hancock County. "So, obviously, this works," said Wyly. But having an expanded, trained pool of volunteers to help in further recruitment efforts should be a major shot in the arm to economic development in this area, she said.

Wyly, an attorney with the firm of Eaton and Cottrell in Bay St. Louis, said her committee represents people who are "intentionally involved" with selling the virtues of Hancock County as an attractive environment for business and industry.

"We've had great participation and they're all very enthusiastic," Wyly said of her panel members.

Creating a marketing plan

DEFINE YOUR BUSINESS

- Define your product or service
- What is your geographic marketing area? regional/national/neighborhood
- Who is your competition?
- How do you differ from your competition?
- How does your competition promote their product/services?
- How do you promote your product/services?

DEFINE YOUR CUSTOMERS

- Define your current customer base: age/sex/income/neighborhood?
- How do your customers learn about your product/service? advertising/direct mail/word of mouth
- What patterns/habits do your customers and potential customers share? Where do they go/what do they read/watch/listen to?
- What do your customers value most about your product/service? Selection/convenience/service/reliability/availability/other?
- Who has a need for your product/service that you aren't currently reaching?

DEFINE YOUR PLAN AND BUDGET

- What methods of marketing have you used in the past to communicate to your customers?
- What has worked most effectively?
- What was the cost compared to sales?
- What is your cost per customer?
- What different methods of marketing might work to bring in new customers?
- What percentage of profits can you allocate to your marketing campaign?
- What marketing tools can you implement within your budget?
- How can you test your marketing ideas?
- How can you measure the results of a market test or campaign?
- Which new marketing tool can you implement right now?

CHOOSE YOUR METHODS OF COMMUNICATIONS

- Advertising. Which types are appropriate for your business?
- Co-op Advertising. How can you tap this resource?
- Word of Mouth. How can you leverage this highly credible communications tool?
- Telephone Directories. How can you make them more effective. How many different headings could you list your business under?
- Direct Mail. Can you target a specific customer/develop a comprehensive mailing plan that is unobtrusive to visit your store?
- Collateral. Are you making use of all the point-of-purchase and merchandising opportunities available to you?
- Promotion. Would contests, seminars, or demonstrations work for you?
- Publicity. Is your company's name in the media? How can you get it there?

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Membership services committee implementing new programs

BY MARY C. SEILEY

If you expect to attract over 500 members to an organization, and keep them interested, it's a good idea to have meaningful services on-going for them.

That's the key duty of the Chamber's Membership Services Committee, headed by Ramos McMillon. Formed in 1997, the committee's mission is to help Chamber staff identify and implement new services for Chamber members.

After researching the programs of other area Chambers of Commerce, and holding some "brain-storming" sessions of their own, the committee has identified three new services to institute for Hancock County's Chamber.

One of them, "Prospecting in the PM," amounts to a trade show opportunity for Chamber members' goods and services.

McMillon said the events will be scheduled to allow general public admittance during the day, followed by the Chamber's After Hours programs. Participants will have a chance to showcase their products and services to fellow Chamber members that way, as well as to the general public.

The more exposure the trade show attracts, says McMillon, the better for the participants. "It's a win-win situation," he said.

His committee also has revived and improved a service called the "Ambassadors' Program," designed to allow selected Chamber members to make personal visits to new Chamber members. McMillon said that during the visits, new members are encouraged to become active participants in the Chamber, and their importance as a member is emphasized.

A third new service the Chamber is planning will put members face-to-face with governmental officials and key leaders in the community. McMillon said the meetings will be a breakfast affair with area mayors, for instance, or members of the Board of Supervisors, or other leaders.

The new programs are an additional layer of support for Chamber members. On-going services offered include an array of seminars — 11 are on the roster for 1998. So far this year, the Chamber has sponsored sessions entitled:

- "Thinking About Going into Business"
- "Department of Labor Rules and Regulations"
- "Safety in the Workplace"
- "Writing a Winning Business Plan"

Other seminars planned for this year include:

- "Advertising: How to Get More Bang For Your Buck" June 18
- "Finding Money for Your Business" July 16
- "Customer Service" August 27
- "The Employee From Hell" Sept. 10
- "Thinking About Going Into Business" October 8
- "Business Security — Funny Money and Fake Checks" Nov. 5
- "Fire Safety For The Workplace"

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Chamber officials call on a number of other agencies in staging the seminars, including the Small Business Development Center at USM, Gulf Coast Business Technology Center, Mississippi Contract Procurement Center, Gulf Coast Business Services Corp., Bay St. Louis Police Crime Prevention Unit and the Bay St. Louis Fire Department.

Speakers include local specialists and representatives from various state and federal agencies. There are a number of other membership services offered by the Chamber, including market information, certification, for export shipping documents and referral of potential customers and clients to other Chamber members by profession or business categories.

In addition to seeking to attract new business to Hancock County, the Chamber also offers free counseling services for businesses just starting, and existing businesses. Free assistance in obtaining contractors for providing goods and services to the government is offered through the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center.

The Chamber also operates a Speakers Bureau, tours of the area for potential businesses and new employees, and participation in such promotional projects as ribbon cuttings, ground breakings, special event celebrations and dedication ceremonies.

In addition, there are a number of published materials available through the Chamber, including its membership directory and list

of local industries, promotional brochures for Hancock County, a community calendar of events, newcomer packages, economic profiles containing census and other statistical material, and information on area educational systems, public and private.

The Chamber actually has a library with resources that include city directories, cross-reference directory for the Mississippi Coast, a Toll-Free 800 Directory, a nationwide directory of campgrounds and R.V. Parks, a worldwide Chamber of Commerce Directory, Mississippi Resource Directory, Mississippi Register, Mississippi Manufacturers/Cross-Match Directory and Gulf Coast Urbanized Area Traffic Maps.

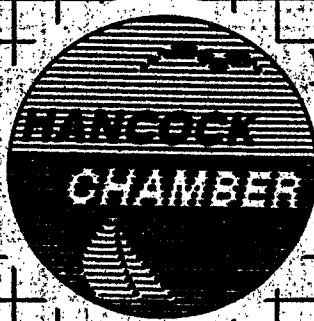
The Chamber also has the county's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan on file, and an array of statistics concerning the county: Population, income, business trends, school enrollment and education attainment, labor force and employment, and general housing characteristics.

Overall, McMillon's committee is intended to serve as a brainstorming/advisory group to assist the Chamber staff in deciding what services are needed from the Chamber for its members, ranging from seminars and network building activities to member benefit packages such as insurance, discount opportunities and advertising opportunities.

McMillon is manager of Mississippi Power's Bay St. Louis/Pass Christian operations.

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2. Know your competition and your field inside out.
3. Trust yourself and your own judgement, above all. But take the time to truly know your market well and the products it values. To stay one step ahead, constantly evaluate your business to add new ideas.
4. Take pride in your business, it's an extension of yourself. Understand your weaknesses and strengths, your product and the market. Provide customers with the right product.
5. Serve the needs of the customer. Be sensitive, know their needs, how to reach them, and most of all, what will convince them to buy your product or service. Advertising is essential. The Yellow Pages are an excellent source to advertise to attract new customers.
6. Put together an effective and detailed business plan. It is the blueprint to your success. Update your business plan, it should be flexible enough to adjust to changing circumstances. Insufficient working capital can be hazardous. Plan your cash flow.
7. Know yourself and be willing to work day and night to make it work. Don't do it all yourself. Get moral support and the right kind of help to run your business. Professional consultants can help you tap the full resources of your business.
8. Carefully select your staff. They are the face customers put to your business. Reward them for a job well done.
9. Treat employees as individuals. Each has his/her own personality.
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Education committee working to meet Hancock 2000 goals

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Promoting the advancement and enhancement of education for citizens of all ages in Hancock County is the mission of the chamber's Education Committee. Headed by Dr. Sherry Ponder, the committee has been involved in several major efforts to achieve that goal.

Last year, for instance, the committee worked hard to promote school bond issues that were up for voter action. With \$30 million worth of projects on the line, in Hancock County, Waveland and Bay St. Louis, the committee was successful in campaigning for passage.

Ponder said the committee worked with the Economic Development Committee, with \$6,000 raised privately to help build public support. Their efforts included sending fliers to every home in the county.

Other major recent efforts by the committee concern supporting a push for a four-year college on the Gulf Coast. The committee worked with consultants who studied that idea as an option for the University of Southern Mississippi. And while there's no four-year college on the drawing boards at this point, the committee will continue lending its support to establishing one, said Ponder.

Meanwhile, the committee also guided the development of an extensive community education program for Hancock County. That program has been a tremendous hit and, now in its second year, boasts hundreds of participants.

Ponder said the committee's efforts were an opportunity to bring a number of governmental entities together in a true community-based educational effort.

One of the main items on the committee's agenda for this year is pursuing post-secondary education opportunities — and that's a mission that's led to some controversy for the committee. While Hancock County lies within the boundaries of Pearl River Community College's funding district, the college has no facilities within the county.

With Hancock County tax support at some \$500,000 a year to PRCC, Ponder said committee members are concerned that citizens simply aren't getting their money's worth from that investment. About 70 percent of the Hancock County population which attends community college do so at Gulf Coast Community College.

"Our dollars are not following our citizens," said Ponder. "So we find PRCC is not providing the services necessary to Hancock County."

A bill which would have shifted Hancock County out of PRCC's district died in the State Legislature several months ago.

But Ponder said the underlying issues are far from dead, and the committee plans to "continue to chip away" at the problem. The issue is not the quality of education PRCC provides, she

said. The problem is accessibility for Hancock County residents.

Overall, the committee focuses its work on Hancock 2000 goals, a five-year plan for improving education in the county. The five-point plan includes:

—All children will start school ready to learn and parents will foster the desire to continue the learning process.

—Local high school graduation rates will improve each year.

—Children will leave grades 4, 8 and 12 having demonstrated excellent performance in challenging subject matter, including English, history, the arts, and geography, and they will be first in Mississippi in science and math.

—Every adult in Hancock County will be literate and will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to

compete in a global economy and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

—Every school in Hancock County will offer a safe, disciplined environment conducive to learning and will be free of violence and drugs, including alcohol and tobacco.

The Education Committee is also in the formative stages of establishing a 100 Club.

Its purpose is to promote education excellence through the building of a scholarship fund.

"We will be looking to our community to share and build the vision with 100 community/business leaders from Hancock County, each contributing \$100 to build a perpetual scholarship fund to benefit area graduates," Ponder stated.

Advertising: the business imperative for growth

The question for small business owners is not "should I advertise?" but rather "how should I advertise?" The reason: no matter how wonderful or unique your product or service is, nothing sells itself. Your potential customers must be told about your products and how they may purchase it.

After you have identified your potential customers and why they would want and need your services, you must decide how to reach them. This is the basis of your advertising plan.

Following are major advertising media you should consider and evaluate as to their benefits to your business.

NEWSPAPERS

This media provides daily localized news of specific communities, plus broad information on state and/or national issues. Its purpose is for advertising more detailed information about your service, plus promoting special events and/or sales. This is a mass media.

LOCAL TELEVISION

This delivers a large audience with high visibility. It provides instant exposure of pictures and ideas, and is good for name awareness and product demonstration. This is also a mass media.

LOCAL RADIO

A very flexible medium that allows targeting consumer groups via individual, distinctive programming. Radio is useful for building name awareness and advertising special promotions. This is a selective media, purchased according to demographic profiles.

DIRECT MAIL

This is the most personalized, pinpointed of all media. Its flexibility allows for telling a complete story, via letter or brochure, or hard-hitting a special promotion with a postcard. This is a highly selective media.

TRADE PUBLICATIONS

Trade magazines are mostly used for targeting business-to-business customers. Since this is a print media, it allows for more information about a company or service to be advertised. This is a market-segmented media.

OUTDOOR

This is a highly visible media and gives very broad awareness. Its purpose is for name identification and image only. This is a very mass media.

YELLOW PAGES DIRECTORIES

A mass medium by content and distribution, it also has the ability to target market segments. No other media has this unique combination.

Yellow Pages advertising is essential to most small businesses because it locates them within a community, gives them additional credibility and reaches buyers who have already decided to purchase. It is used by many businesses to complement all other advertising media; it can be viewed as the source for consumers who need to access "where-to-buy" information, once they have determined the need to buy.

No other media has the market penetration that Yellow Pages directories have, since every business phone is listed, by market category. It is the most comprehensive, definitive source of information for products and services in any geographic area. Additionally, since distribution of directories is so effective, advertisers are accessible to all potential customers 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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BY MARY G. SEILEY

One of the Chamber of Commerce's committees is at work to make Hancock County pleasing to the eye.

The Beautification Committee, chaired by Ellis Cuevas, is at work in many such efforts throughout the county.

One key concern of the committee this year is addressing the landscaping future of Highways 90 and 603, including the Kiln area. "Our goal is to enhance the medians to make a good appearance for our visitors as well as residents," said Cuevas.

The committee is pressing to have both highways designated as parkways, possibly leading to the hiring of a professional landscaper to oversee the highways beautification and upkeep. Committee members say the landscaper also could take responsibility for other areas as well, giving economic development another boost through beautification.

A full push to beautify the highways, of course, has been hampered by the months of construction along Highway 90 from the Bay bridge through Waveland.

Cuevas said the planting scheme for that median has been under discussion, but many members believe that flower beds will be inappropriate because the median represents a "hostile" environment and flowers would require a tremendous amount of maintenance.

Cuevas and other Chamber officials met recently with Highway Commissioner Ronnie Shows and his top engineer to discuss highway concerns, including the possibility of forming a parkway commission.

In addition, the officials discussed planting wild flower beds and additional Magnolia trees on Interstate 10 and Highway 607/90. They also discussed upcoming plans for a barrier dividing the traffic lanes across the Bay bridge.

Committee members have set priorities on having wild flower test plots planted at Bayside Park on Highway 90, Blenville-Rector Road on Highway 443, at the intersection of highways 43/603, and highways 603/53, and at the new Kiln Post office on Highway 603. There are several other areas for similar test plantings under consideration as well.

Meanwhile, the committee also has worked to have a tree planted in the Martin Luther King Park, in memory of Sam Nichols, a longtime member of the Beautification Committee, who saw to it that the park remained free of litter.

Members also have been at work to encourage the removal of illegal signs on utility poles, and trees throughout the area, as well as the removal of yellow flashing light signs.

And the committee is at work to coordinate plans for maintenance and beautification efforts at the

Hancock County Walking Track in Bay St. Louis.

Aside from those efforts, the members offer assistance with the Bay-Waveland Garden Club's beautification efforts at the public housing complex for senior residents on Old Spanish Trail at Booker Street.

Similar assistance from the committee goes to the garden club's beautification effort at the Welcome area on Highway 90, across from the state highway

scales near the entrance to Port Bienville.

In addition, the committee works to encourage cleanup for the annual Spring Pilgrimage, one of the top tourism events in the nation. And the committee is organizing a countywide cleanup for the Sept. 19 International Coastal Cleanup effort.

Efforts to revamp the Adopt-a-Street program for this area also are on the committee's agenda.

Why support the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce?

The Chamber is a good source of new business leads. Meeting people through the Business After Hours and Committee work is a great opportunity to promote my business in the Hancock County area.

Through my membership in the Chamber, I am reinvesting some of the profits from my business back into the community. The Chamber does what I do not have time to do: industrial prospecting, promoting the community growth, encouraging conventions to come here. All these things bring more dollars into circulation in our community.

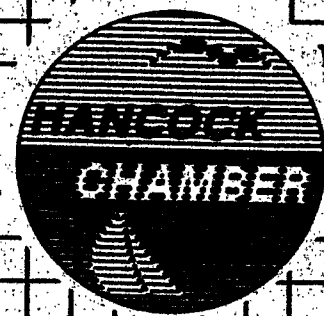
The Chamber is a good way to let my voice be heard within the community. There are eight different committees which work year-round on everything from economic development to leadership development.

The Chamber sponsors different types of business seminars during the year which help the business community grow.

The Chamber sponsors "Leadership Hancock County," a program which teaches the future leaders of our area what our strengths and weaknesses are in the Hancock County area. It helps develop communication lines between the small business person, the professional and the manufacturer.

The Chamber promotes members' support of each other by buying from each other. If I am willing to invest some of my profits back into the community through the Chamber, why shouldn't I support the other business men and women who are doing the same.

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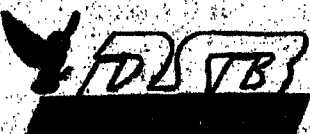
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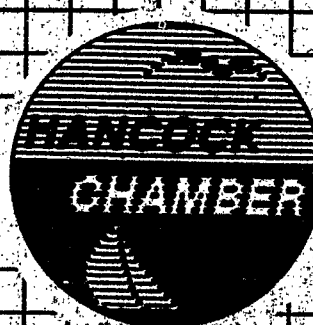
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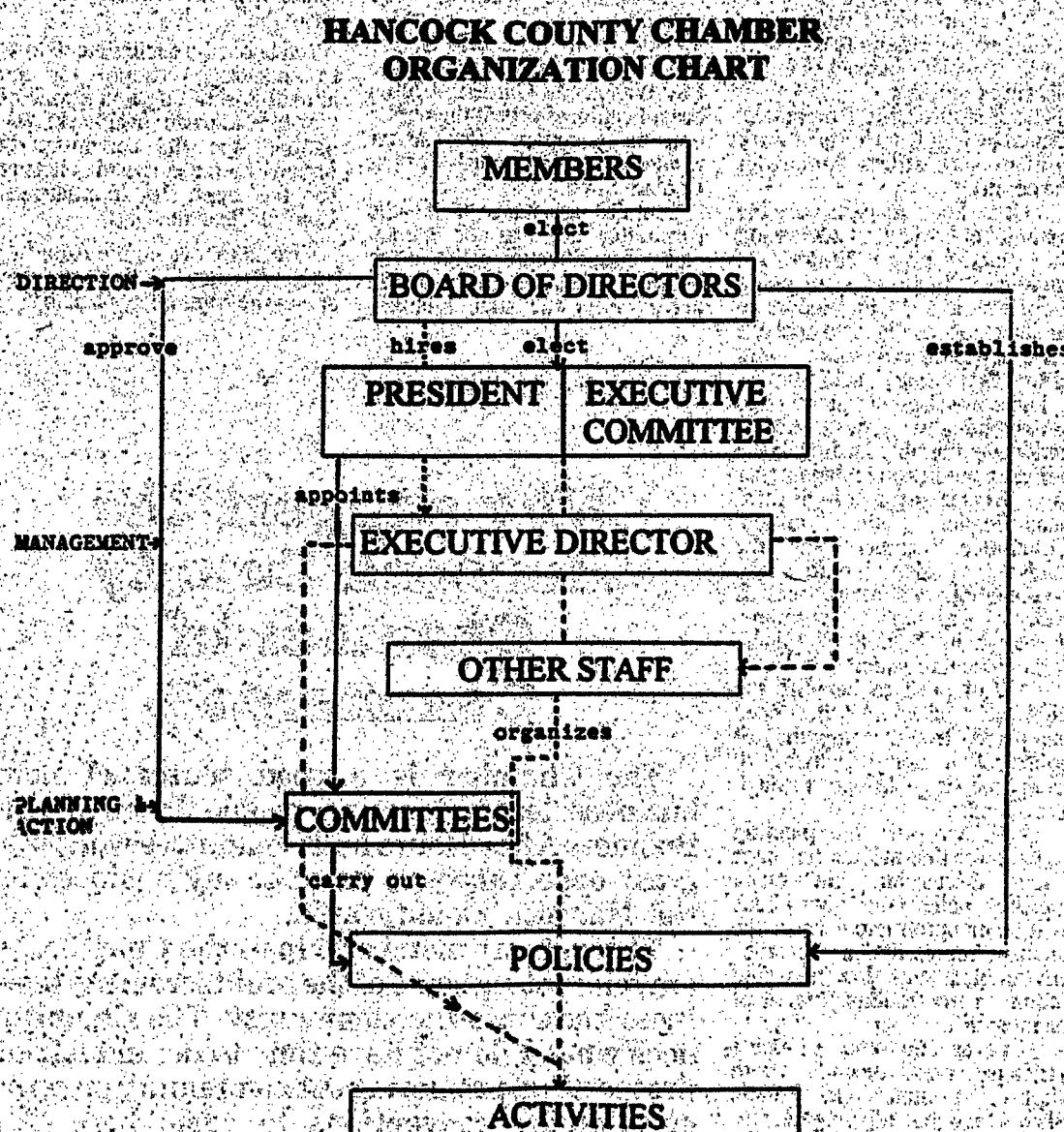
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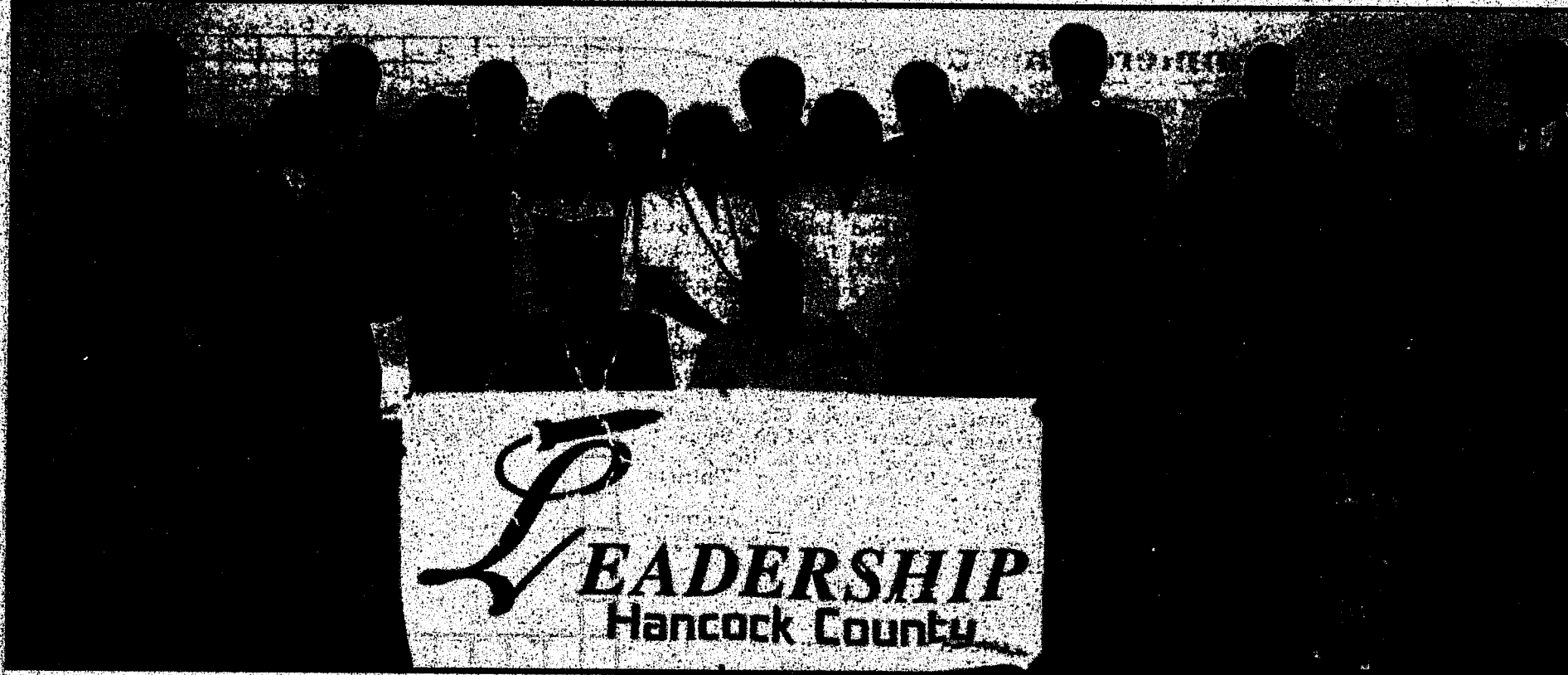
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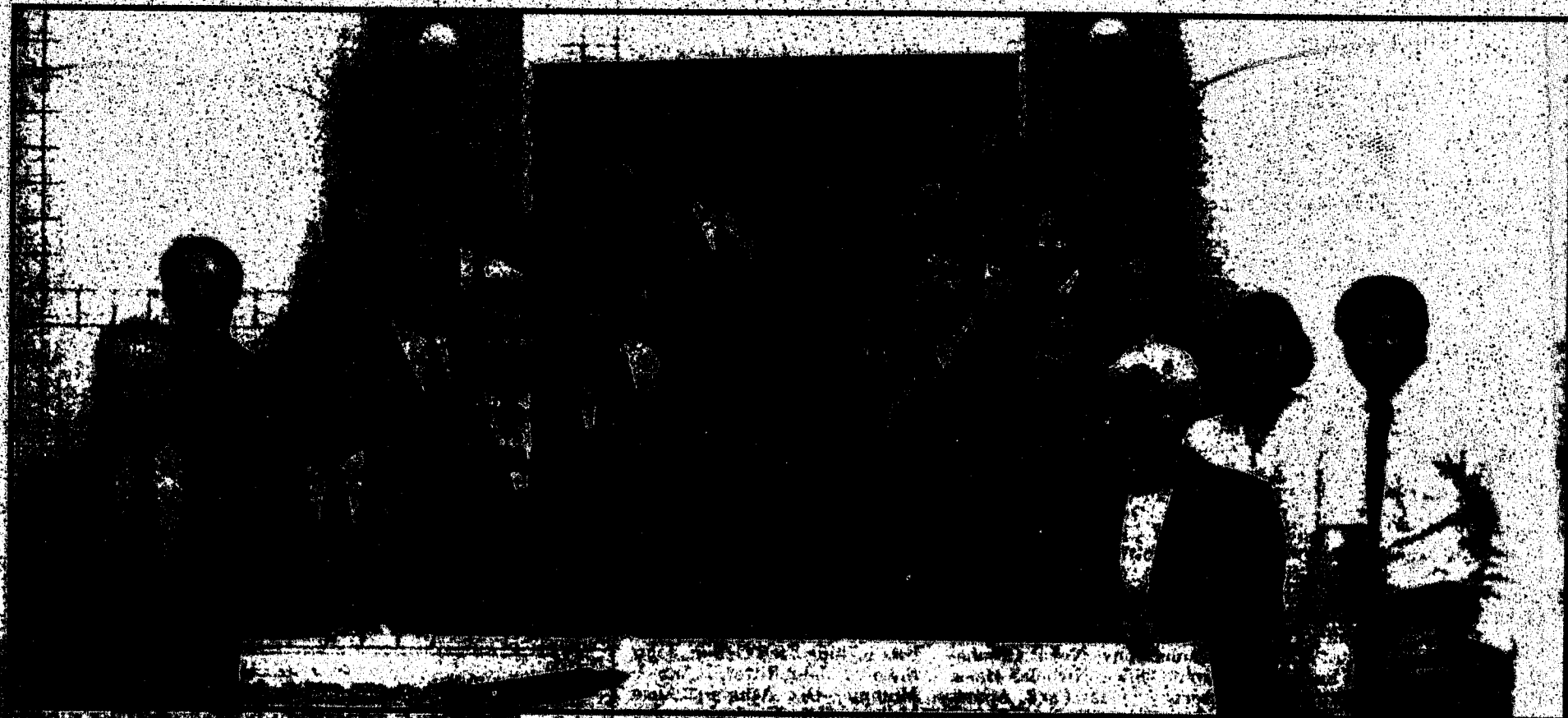
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Leadership Class of 1998

The second class of Leadership Hancock County held its graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 21, 1998. A program of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the class is intended to train a new generation of leaders qualified to meet the present and future challenges of Hancock County. The program is designed to create a heightened awareness in the participants about Hancock County, to promote the development of interpersonal relationships among the participants, and provide them an opportunity to utilize and enhance their own innate abilities as well. Training sessions include effective leadership, group dynamics, knowledge of the community and how it functions, and the identification of areas of strength and ones needing improvements, as well as focus on

specific issues such as education, economic development, health care, and much more. The participants represent a cross-section of business and professional interests. The 1998 graduates are: Cheryl Bennett, Myrna L. Bourgeois, Lisa L. Coward, Immond L. Deen, Kurt M. Graves, Paul D. Guichet, Jimmie Ladner, Jr., Alisa J. Lancaster, Hal W. Leftwich, Pamela T. Metzler, Carleen Murphy Moran, Jon W. Ritten, Charlene Stigler Rutledge, Hal W. Walters, Walter G. Billups, Lonnie Michael Bradley, Ellis C. Cuevas, Anthony C. Esau, Bryon O. Griffith, Basil Kennedy, Connie Payne Lampley, Terry Latham, Joey G. Manieri, Lisa Monti, Dr. Sherry McGinity Ponder, M.P. (Becky) Rotundo, Mary G. Sindors and Theres T. Wily.



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